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## U.S. eyes return to gold-dollar standard

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP) — Most analysts may sputter or laugh, but a small and increasingly influential group of conservative economists is pressing for the United States to return to the gold standard.

It is the best way, they say, to stop inflation. Some of these economists are the ones who developed President Ronald Reagan's big three-year tax cut. With the Reagan economic plan ready to go into effect Oct. 1, some of the president's most ardent "supply-side theorists" are now arguing that a gold-based monetary system is absolutely essential to bring down the inflation and high interest rates that are stifling the economy.

The new U.S. Gold Commission, which met Friday, contains enough skeptics to ensure that its final report will not contain full-scale recommendation for the gold standard. However, it might go part way, and the gold standard supporters are assured of getting more public attention. Their theory is that a paper money system backed only by the credit of the government tends to be inflationary because governments rarely resist the temptation to pay their bills by printing money, thus making the currency less valuable.

These economists, therefore, suggest that one could make each dollar equal to a specified amount of gold, and people would be able to exchange dollars for gold or gold for dollars. Dollars could not be printed unless the government had enough gold, and the size of the money supply would be limited by the size of the gold stock. That way, they say, the money supply could expand faster than gold, which has grown about two percent a year.

The plan is simple, although the commission will discuss quite a few variations, including the basis of the proposed link. A number of economists say the gold standard supporters may have a point, but they also point to a lot of problems.

A direct gold-dollar link can fight inflation, but can also hamper recovery from a recession.

A big portion of the world's gold mining is in South Africa and the Soviet Union. Either nation could cause considerable mischief to the U.S. economy by suddenly halting gold sales or by using it to buy dollars.

The U.S. balance-of-payments deficit in oil last year was \$79 billion. What if the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries demanded gold in payment?

Another problem is the pricing of gold. Too high a price would fuel inflation, too low a price would depress business. The world market price, currently at \$460 an ounce, would not necessarily be a comforting factor.

Backers of a new gold standard say the technical problems can be solved and that foreign powers would not have the clout some people fear.

The 17-member gold commission appears to be dominated by people opposed to the gold standard, including three Federal Reserve governors whose non-critical money supply duties would be greatly diminished by a new and direct link between gold and the dollar.

## Thatcher, Fahd views 'identical' Saud urges U.S. to meet with PLO

LONDON, Sept. 18 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Great Britain share identical views on how to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict, Crown Prince Fahd declared here Friday night at the end of his short visit to Britain.

The Crown Prince, who left here later Friday, held a working lunch with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at her Downing Street residence. He said after the meeting that bilateral relations were discussed and that the Palestine question was high on the talks. The prince said he had found "complete understanding from the British side and that the two countries' viewpoints on solving the Middle East conflict were identical."

The two sides also agreed on the need to activate the European peace initiative, Prince Fahd added. He said that King Khalid's recent visit to Britain and Friday's meeting with Mrs. Thatcher "have deepened the historic Saudi Arabian-British relations."

"I have felt the depth of such visits on our relations and I believe that Britain is exerting serious efforts to activate the European initiative" toward peaceful settlement in the Middle East, the crown prince added.

He also stressed that the "two friendly countries are determined to deepen and support bilateral relations in all fields."

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal urged the United States Friday to establish contacts with the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as an essential move toward Middle East peace.

In a telex reply to questions from Reuters, he also said contacts between the U.S. and the PLO already had achieved results in south Lebanon last July, ending two weeks of increasingly bitter fighting between Israelis and Palestinians.

He added: "The ceasefire in southern Lebanon was successful because it was worked out between the parties directly involved, i.e. the PLO and Israel, through the valuable mediation of the United States."

"We believe that this method should be repeated in the discussions aiming at a just and durable peace in the region. Anyway, this is the only realistic approach to solve this problem."

A senior U.S. official said last July the (Continued on back page)



**FAHD-THATCHER MEET:** British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher greeting Crown Prince Fahd at 10 Downing Street, London, Friday.

## Role of Kingdom misjudged--Haig

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Friday some congressional opposition to the sale of AWACS aircraft to Saudi Arabia was based on "misinformation" that Saudi Arabia was obstructing peace in the Middle East.

Haig said the administration which was facing an uphill battle to win approval of the deal would try to change wrong ideas about Saudi Arabia.

"I have been working intensely with our Saudi Arabian friends over these tense days in Lebanon and elsewhere in the Middle East, and Saudi Arabia has been a good friend and a very solid performer in the interests of peace and stability" he said in a television program. Haig said he was optimistic that Congress would allow the sale of the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) planes to the Kingdom.

Haig told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Thursday that if it vetoes the sale of AWACS, "our security and peace itself will be endangered."

According to a senior Pentagon official, U.S. military cooperation with Israel would be slowed down if Congress blocked the AWACS deal. The West Europeans, to whom the Arabs probably would turn for arms, would assert a larger role in Mideast diplomacy and "are less solicitous of Israel's concerns." Undersecretary of Defense Fred C. Ikle said in an interview. As an example, he cited France's aid to Iraq in developing a nuclear facility near Baghdad, despite U.S. objections. Israel leveled the plant in a June bomber attack.

In an interview in Washington published by The Times of London, U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger has dismissed Israeli fears that its security would be threatened by the sale of AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia.

Weinberger was quoted as saying: "I cannot imagine any circumstances in which Saudi Arabia would attack Israel and I cannot imagine any circumstances in which the AWACS would be of any use in an offensive attack." The AWACS were designed to assist the Saudi Arabian government defend itself.

Weinberger said the main function of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force, like that of the AWACS, was to allow "the free world to maintain an open access to the oil fields" of the Middle East.

Weinberger said the Reagan administration's determination to sell the AWACS aircraft was part of the overall U.S. strategy of protecting the region from Soviet intervention. If the deal was blocked by Congress, the Kingdom were likely to buy the British surveillance aircraft instead, he said.

Weinberger was also quoted by The Times as saying that the Reagan administration was interested in arms control because the survival of the world was at stake. It was determined to ensure that neither it nor its allies were attacked.

At the United Nations, Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's chief observer, said the new "strategic alliance" between the United States and Israel is dangerous and showed a "lopsidedness of priorities."

The 21-member league interpreted the alliance as meaning that "...the confrontation between superpowers takes precedence over our regional concerns and that to us is very dangerous and therefore is not acceptable." Maksoud told a news conference. The military agreements came out of talks last week between Begin and Reagan. They would allow the Israeli Navy to join the Sixth Fleet maneuvers in the Mediterranean and the United States to share intelligence data with Israel and stockpile supplies there.

Referring to Israeli plans to build a canal linking the Dead Sea with the Mediterranean, he said the league would boycott any companies that worked on the project. Maksoud said the Arab League considers the canal "to be a sort of license for Israel to pursue some of its objectives in the area," he added.

The Arab League Boycott Office in Damascus has been instructed to tell any company that participates in the project that "it will go on the boycott list irrevocably," he said. The U.S.-Israeli alliance, he said, "is a divisive attempt to break the unified Arab positions that have been spelled out clearly..."

**Hijackers arrested**  
BERLIN, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — West Berlin police Friday put under temporary arrest 12 Polish students who hijacked a Polish passenger airliner with 49 persons aboard from a domestic flight to the American military airport at Tempelhof here.

According to a police announcement to that effect, the 12 will appear before an investigating magistrate Saturday.

A spokesman for the Tempelhof Air Base where the Lot aircraft landed at 12:33 p.m., said the hijackers included nine men and three women. The U.S. spokesman said the group carried firebombs in carrying out the hijacking, the sixth involving a Polish plane to West Berlin this year. But West Berlin police, who took over the investigation, denied there were any firebombs but said some of the hijackers had knives.

All 49 passengers disembarked safely after the plane landed and was surrounded by firemen, U.S. sources said.

## Diana 'bored, losing weight'

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AP) — Princess Diana is bored, losing weight and tired of life with Britain's royal family after seven weeks of marriage to Prince Charles, *The Sun* newspaper reported Friday.

It said the 20-year-old princess, honeymooning with her husband, Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip and other royals at their Scottish castle of Balmoral, is "so bored with her role as a royal and the trappings and formality of life there that she has persuaded Prince Charles to take her away from it all."

Buckingham Palace said there was no one available to comment on the report.

While declining to comment on the newspaper's report that Diana is bored, a Buckingham Palace spokesman pointed out that the various members of the royal family often are housed in one of the estate's daller houses.

"They never keep Balmoral castle open unless the queen is in residence there," she said.

The tabloid, first to report the romance of the couple, said that Princess Diana has "reached a personal crisis in her new lifestyle" and is "deeply unsettled — despite the love of her husband and the warm protection of the royal family."

She is getting thinner and her friends say she is finding it difficult, "almost impossible in fact, to adapt herself to the day-to-day routine of a royal," the paper reported.

The *Sun* said Diana turned down the gift of a hunting dog from the queen because she hates hunting and shooting and has not (Continued on back page)

## Welcomes Iraqi pipeline Yamani firm on oil price

JEDDAH, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, has reaffirmed that it will resist pressure from other OPEC countries to raise its prices. Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani was quoted by *Arab News* sister magazines *Al-Majalla* and *Saudi Business* as saying: "We have reached a point on which we cannot show courtesy to anyone."

He said in an interview published by the magazines Saturday: "The responsibility of the Saudi Arabian government toward its people and the coming generations call upon us to act in the light of our own interest."

Sheikh Yamani has said repeatedly he does not want to raise the oil price, now \$32 a barrel. He has argued that prices must be held down to encourage a revival of demand for oil produced by the 13 exporters in OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), now sharply depressed.

Sheikh Yamani has said he is worried for the long-term value of Saudi Arabia's huge reserves if the West is stampeded too far into alternative energy by high oil prices. He agreed in his latest interview with *Arab News* that some countries whose oil was running out more quickly had different interests.

The moderate \$32, price charged by Saudi Arabia is OPEC's lowest with others ranging up to \$40 a barrel. Consultations are going on to try to unify prices and give all 13 members a more or less equal chance fighting for buyers in the present glut.

Sheikh Yamani told the two magazines it was his personal opinion that surplus pet-

## Indira wins massive confidence

NEW DELHI, Sept. 18 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, saying her government will not be pushed around, led her forces to overwhelming victory Thursday night against a non-confidence motion sponsored by the parliamentary opposition.

The motion lost on a vote of 294 to 83, following a stormy eight-hour debate. The vote came after Mrs. Gandhi in a one-hour speech defended her 20-month-old government against assorted charges of corruption, economic failure and collapse of law and order.

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## Beirut car bomb explosion kills two

BEIRUT, Sept. 18 (AP) — A car bomb exploded in a neighborhood near Beirut and killed two pedestrians Friday, a day after the regional headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization was blown up in Lebanon's southern port city of Sidon, the state radio reported.

The broadcast said several other persons were injured in the Friday blast that rocked the Sallom neighborhood in Beirut's southern suburb of Bourj El-Barajneh.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the Sallom blast and there was no

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# Nasiriyah district gets 12,000-line exchange

By a Staff Writer  
 RIYADH, Sept. 18 — The Nasiriyah district of Riyadh recently obtained a 12,000-line exchange with completely automatic switching capabilities, Saudi Telephone announced Friday.

According to a spokesman, Riyadh subscribers, who are now being routed through the old exchange equipment will be connected through the new exchange electronically and won't have to take any action.

During the fiscal year ending in April, 1981, more telephones were installed than before a Saudi Telephone statistical department report stated earlier. During that month, more than 23,500 lines were installed, bringing the total completed in the year to more than 162,000. Saudi Telephone now has more than 500,000 telephone lines in service.

Exchange capacity also increased. In April, a 3,000-line exchange was added to Ras Tanura; a 1,700-line exchange was placed in Bayab; and a 1,000-line exchange was

opened in Madaq. This represents a yearly increase of more than 278,000 lines of exchange capacity, a 60 percent rise.

The trunk network played its part in Saudi Telephone's expansion also. International trunks increased by 36 percent to 1,267. National trunk lines during the same period increased by 65 percent bring the total to more than 51,980.

One of the year's most important achievements for long-distance callers was the universal conversion to international subscriber dialing. All subscribers now have direct access to more than 90 countries around the world. As a result of these efforts, customer-dialed calls have jumped from 65 percent of all calls in April, 1980, to 78 percent of all long-distance calls in Spring this year. In the same period, the number of international call completions has surged from 99,000 to 1,425,000, an increase of 43 percent.

Business in the Kingdom benefited in the year from the addition of more than 4,000 telex loops provided by Saudi Telex. Total Saudi Telex lines now stand at more than 10,009 or an increase of 77 percent.

# By Arab ministers Jazaeri nominated director

TUNIS, Sept. 18 (SPA) — The Arab Health Ministers' Council held a joint meeting here Friday with health ministers from eastern Mediterranean countries to discuss moving the World Health Organization's regional office from Alexandria to Amman.

The Arab health ministers concluded their eighth extraordinary session here Thursday by nominating the Kingdom's health minister, Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri, for the WHO eastern Mediterranean regional bureau director.

Delegates at the joint meeting stressed the need to forge a united stand during the upcoming WHO General Assembly meeting in Geneva. This issue was embodied by the Arab Health Ministers' Council resolutions Thursday.

The joint meeting's agenda includes international nominations for posts in the

international health organization, and cooperation among member states in the regional bureau and WHO experts.

The eastern Mediterranean regional bureau includes Cyprus, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran in addition to all Arab countries with the exception of Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania. Algeria and Morocco are members of the European regional bureau, while Mauritania is included in the African bureau.

The Arab Health Council expressed satisfaction with the Arab League's General Secretariat intensive contacts to support the transfer of the regional bureau from Alexandria, Egypt, to the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the non-Aligned Movement.

# Western Region eyes plan for water drainage system

JEDDAH, Sept. 18 — The Western Region — which includes Makkah, Jeddah, Taif and other towns and outlying areas — will have an ambitious project of water drainage, sewerage and storm water disposal in the near future according to Fahd Al-Hamad Al-Sulaiman, the engineer in charge of water and drainage.

Sulaiman was quoted by Okaz Friday as saying that Makkah alone will have a water purification project which will serve 500,000 persons in addition to other networks elsewhere.

With regard to Jeddah, the project will be divided into two phases. The first phase will cover Palestine Road north, Musaidya, Inekish, and Macarona street. The second one will extend to the southern part of the city where houses will be connected to the main sewer-

age stations. In due course the whole city will be served in this way.

Sulaiman said that most houses in the city center have already been connected and that new buildings will be connected soon. Meantime, he said, Makkah Governor Prince Majid has ordered the formation of certain committees to study complaints and recommend solutions to the problems of overflowing drains which occur in the city especially in such localities as Kandara, Ghulail, Quarantine, and Kuwait. The problem in Kandara has been solved, he said, through house connections to the main pumping stations while other areas will soon follow suit.

A number of consulting companies have been retained to design and recommend permanent solutions, he said.

## BRIEFS

**KHARJ:** — Hundreds of tons of vegetables and thousands of canned food; were destroyed here over the last six months because they were deemed unfit for human consumption, it was announced here Friday. The food also included flour, powder milk, fish, soft drinks, meat and livestock.

project will cover the towns of Tabuk, Haql, Dhiba, Halat Ammar and other towns in this northern province.

**JEDDAH:** — Work on a tunnel connecting the present bus stand in the seafont, the Corniche, and the downtown area of King Abdul Aziz street will start soon according to municipal sources quoted by Okaz Friday. The tunnel will absorb all the pedestrian traffic leaving the road to the cars. Another tunnel will be built to enable pedestrians to reach the new park near the Foreign Ministry without having to cross the road.

**AHSA, (SPA)** — The Taraf Welfare Social Service Society of Ahsa has issued a report for the fiscal year 1980-81 about administrative, technical and financial activities in addition to the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

**JEDDAH:** — Nearly 200,000 pilgrims had arrived in the country by the end of Tuesday marking an increase of nearly 50,000 over the same period last year. About 160,000 arrived by air and the rest overland and by sea.

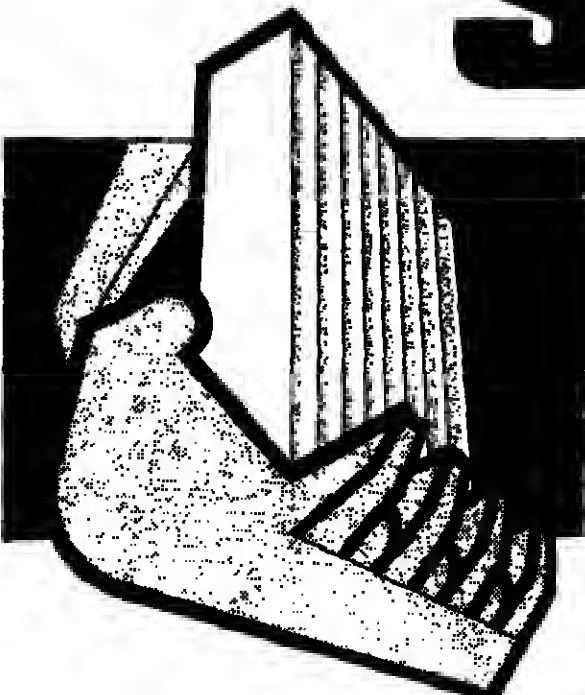
**TABUK:** — A contract for designing the Tabuk central electricity project was awarded recently to a company made up jointly of the Saudi Consulting House and the Irish Council for Electricity Supplies. The

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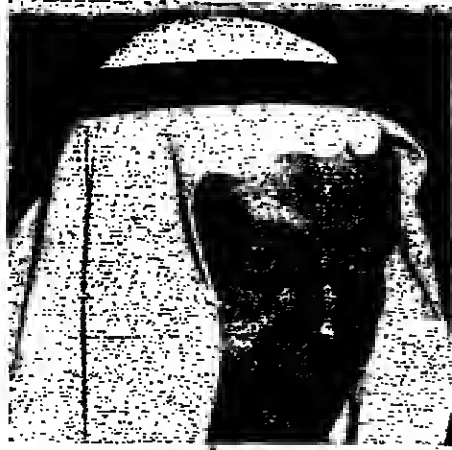
Pilgrimage projects allotted SR680m

TAIF, Sept. 18 (SPA) — The Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments will spend SR680 million on projects and services for this year's pilgrims.

Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie said Friday that the funds have been allocated for building water tanks in various parts of the holy places, shady spots and several posts to guide the pilgrims.

At the same time money has been earmarked for the construction of pilgrims' towns in each of Makkah and Medina and border crossings along the country's frontiers in view of the increasing number of pilgrims who come overland.

He said that for the first time this year pilgrims will use a special pilgrimage travel document which was suggested by the government to facilitate the movement of pilgrims and official procedures. Once the experiment succeeds it will be applied for all



Abdul Wasie pilgrims during the next five he added. In the meantime, a new organization to take care of the pilgrims from Europe and North America has been set up specially to look after them. Similar organizations will be

formed in the future until the system of mutawifteen—pilgrims' guides—is finalized. "The aim," he said, "is to eliminate the problems which beset the relationships between the pilgrims and the guides." The organizations also will seek to better serve the pilgrims and reduce the malpractices of which certain guides were found guilty.

Sheikh Abdul Wasie said he and his experts have assigned a group of university professors to study the possibility of using responsibilities in order to render better services to the pilgrims, who number nearly two million persons a year.

He said he could not say that his ministry had solved most of the problems connected with the pilgrimage, but that it has gone a long way in providing improved services. "There are two million persons in a limited space in a limited period of time at once," he said. One million of them come from abroad and the other million is made up of Saudi Arabians and resident expatriates.

Included in this year's plans is a comprehensive transportation scheme to ease the traffic and convert the pilgrims from one place to the other quickly and in relative comfort, he said.

Sheikh Abdul Wasie said that it has become necessary to organize the relationship between the ministry and the pilgrimage missions which accompany each country's pilgrims. A special committee was set up recently to define these relationships in order to ensure the best possible results. He has asked the governments concerned to send their names of the mission members in advance of their arrival and to fix the location of every mission in the holy places to make it easier for the ministry to contact them. The ministry also has laid down certain principles for the mission's conduct and their responsibilities in the arrival and departure of the pilgrims.

Electricity scheme extended to Eastern Region villages

DAMMAM, Sept. 18 (SPA) — The Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company (SCECO) in the Eastern Province is carrying out several projects aimed at improving electricity service and extending it to all villages and towns in the region, officials reported Friday.

SCECO will install a number of power generating units over an area of 285,000 square kilometers, in addition to establishing other facilities to meet the requirements of the future industrial area in the Eastern Province.

Among the projects under construction is an integrated power network for Rubaimah. It includes transforming the old network, which relies on grids, into a comprehensive underground system. That will provide better service to subscribers and preserve the town's outlook.

Rubaimah's power demand is increasing rapidly and has now reached 20 megawatt.

The number of subscribers also reach 3,500. The project is designed to be completed by the beginning of next summer.

Another project underway is the extension of electricity services to 40 villages in the Samman area. The project, which covers a 300 square kilometer area, will come into service within nine months. SCECO also is preparing designs for eight power generators at the Furs electric plant. The generators will have a capacity of 55 megawatt each. Eight similar generators are under consideration for Shagham power plant. They will be installed next year.

SCECO's plans cover an expansion of the Gizlan power station to double its output in 1982 to 1,600 megawatt. The station will then be capable of distributing 230 kilovolt power to all areas of the Eastern Province. The company has decided to add two turbines to Quaisuma power station, bringing the total capacity to 60 megawatt. The station will meet electricity requirements for Quaisumah and Hafir el Batin.

Humaid ends S. Korea visit, receives medal

SEOUL, Sept. 18 (SPA) — Sheikh Osman Al-Humaid, assistant to the defense and aviation minister, will conclude his week long visit to South Korea Saturday. During his stay, the Saudi Arabian official held talks with Korean officials on promoting cooperation between the two countries.

Accompanied by Gen. Abdul Mohsen Al-Umran, commander of ground forces, Humaid visited several South Korean military installations.

The delegation held talks with the defense minister and officials on boosting military cooperation.

Humaid and his delegation was received by South Korean President Chun on Monday. The president conferred the highest national order, called the Tong-il (unification), on Humaid and the order of Kuk-Sun (national flower) to Lt. Gen. Umran in recognition of their efforts in promoting mutual cooperation between South Korea and Saudi Arabia.

Present at the ceremony which was held at the Blue House, the official presidential quarters, were Defense Minister Chu Young-bok, General Affairs Minister Kim Young-Hyu and Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to South Korea Issa Al-Nuwaiser.

Humaid came to Seoul from Taipei where he paid a week-long official visit. He was received by President Chiang Ching-Kuo of the Republic of China last week.

Sultan gives own watch

RIYADH, Sept. 18 — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan gave his wristwatch as a memento to the top-ranked graduate of the King Faisal Air Academy during graduation ceremonies Wednesday. The graduate, 1st Lt. Abdullah Abdul Hadi Al Qabani, said he was pleasantly surprised by the double treat of a medal and prize.

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## Guereda retaken by Chad

N'DJAMENA, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — Chad government forces have retaken the town of Guereda in eastern Chad in the face of a "large-scale Egyptian-Sudanese aggression," Chad Foreign Minister Aycl Ahmat said Thursday. He told Reuters 500 men loyal to former Defense Minister Hissene Habre had died in hand-to-hand fighting which ended last Tuesday, adding that there were some Sudanese among the dead.

Habre's men, who occupied Guereda for four days, left behind large quantities of heavy and light weapons and vehicles supplied by Egypt and Sudan, he said. The rebels were aiming to capture the towns of Guereda, Iriba and Adre, he said. Iriba and Adre were now surrounded by government troops.

Ahmat appeared healthy and relaxed. Peristone reports from Chad had said he was wounded in the fighting and had gone to Tripoli for treatment. He said he had proof of Egyptian and Sudanese intervention in Guereda.

Ahmat said Habre had taken part in the rebel occupation of Guereda and had killed all the prisoners taken in the attack, including civilians. Habre's soldiers were forced to flee N'djamena last December after nine months of fighting against the forces of several combined factions, after Chad President Goukouni Oueddei called in Libyan troops.



CORPSE: The forces of former Chad Defense Minister Hissene Habre recaptured the town of Adre and in the fighting, a Libyan bomber was shot down. The picture shows the corpse of one of the two Libyan pilots whose plane was shot down Tuesday last.

## Egypt, U.K. ponder arms production

CAIRO, Sept. 18 (AFP) — The defense ministers of Egypt and Britain Thursday launched talks on a possible long-term agreement for joint production of arms and military equipment.

"Britain is imposing no restrictions on cooperation in the matter of arms," British Defense Minister John Nott said as discussions began with the Egyptian counterpart, Gen. Abdul Halim Abo Ghazala. The Egyptian minister said the talks focused on "the joint production of arms and military equipment, particularly artillery and spare parts as well as ammunition." Tanks were also high

on Cairo's list, he said.

He added that an accord on arms and other technology transfers extending from 10 to 15 years was currently under study and indicated that it could include joint military exercises with Britain. The Egyptian armed forces are ready to participate in joint training with the forces of any friendly country," said Gen. Ghazala.

The talks began as informed sources here reported that some 10,000 men and 700 tanks of the Egyptian third army have been on "major exercises" in the Suez zone for several days.

## Russia expels Egypt's military attache

MOSCOW, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union has expelled the Egyptian military attache and his 10-member staff from Moscow following the expulsion of the Soviet ambassador and six embassy staff from Egypt.

Western diplomatic sources said Moscow apparently refrained from expelling other Egyptian diplomats for fear that its mission in Cairo would be cut still further. A statement issued Thursday night by the foreign ministry in Moscow said Lt. Col. Abdul Hamid Khalifa and his staff had been given seven days in which to leave.

But the Egyptian government had already closed the attache's office a day earlier and Col. Khalifa told Reuters the entire staff were on their way home. The Soviet move was a response to sweeping Egyptian measures following allegations that Moscow was involved in plots to undermine President Anwar Sadat's rule. The Egyptians Tuesday gave the Soviet ambassador and six embassy staff 48

hours to leave the country, while about 1,000 Soviet civilian advisers and their families were told to go home.

Moscow was also ordered to reduce its 40-man embassy in Cairo to the same size as the Egyptian mission to Moscow, which has about seven non-military diplomats.

Western diplomats said the Soviet leadership regarded its presence in Cairo as crucial because of its deep interest in the Middle East and a desire to observe developments

Egypt closely. The Soviet statement said Moscow reserved the right to take further measures against Egypt, but did not elaborate.

It said all Cairo's allegations were lies and intended only to divert attention from the unpopularity of President Sadat's own policies. The Soviet Union had always tried to improve relations with Cairo bore full responsibility for the present crisis, it added.

## Cairo asks Italy to join Sinai unit

ROME, Sept. 18 (AP) — The Egyptian government Thursday formally asked Italy to contribute troops to the multinational peacekeeping force to be stationed in Sinai as part of the Camp David accords. Italian officials said.

The Italian government withheld immediate comment. Government sources said that an issue of "his magnitude" requires consultation among the partners of the coalition government and with parliamentary leaders.

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# steadfastness Front to meet U.S.-Israeli lot with Soviet aid

UT, Sept. 18 (AP) — Members of the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front are seeking ways to upgrade their relations with the Soviet Union to counter the progress reported in Israel-Egypt talks.

As Safer, quoted informed sources in Benghazi as saying the five-member front feels obliged to "find an ally capable of maintaining the strategic balance in the area and this ally can only be the Soviet Union." The front is made up of South Yemen, Syria, Libya, Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Syria and South Yemen have long-term friendship treaties with the Soviet Union. As Safer quoted Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam as saying that Soviet relations should be upgraded from "the friendship stage to the alliance stage."

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new Israeli-U.S. cooperation pact, a pro-Libyan Lebanese newspaper reported Friday.

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# Fund planned to support Palestinians

AMMAN, Sept. 18 (R) — A joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee meeting in Amman has decided to set up a special fund to support workers living in the Israeli-occupied territories, committee sources said.

Jordan is represented at the talks with leading Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) officials by Hassan Ibrahim, minister for the occupied territories. The sources did not reveal the size of the fund or how it would be administered.

The joint Palestinian-Jordanian meeting precedes renewed talks about Palestinian autonomy for the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip between Israel, Egypt and American negotiators in Cairo next week.

# U.S. to instal Aswan turbines

CAIRO, Sept. 18 (R) — The United States has agreed to finance the installation of new turbines in the Soviet-built Aswan high dam in upper Egypt at a cost of \$50 million, informed sources said Friday.

The sources said the Egyptian cabinet approved final details of the agreement at a meeting which decided to expel seven Soviet diplomats and terminate the contracts of about 1,000 Soviet experts this week. Those being sent home include Soviet engineers who have helped maintain the dam, built in the 1960s as a symbol of Soviet-Egyptian friendship.

# Bani-Sadr predicts Khomeini's fall

ROME, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — Ousted Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Friday predicted that Ayatollah Khomeini's regime will fall very soon.

He said this would be due to a combination of popular protest and the collapse of the economy. "When the people have nothing more to eat, Khomeini will fall," he told the Rome daily *Il Corriere Della Sera*.

Bani-Sadr, now living in exile in France, described the Mujahedeen attacks committed in Iran as part of a "liberation struggle" and said the blame for all guerrilla activity in the country could be laid at the Ayatollah's door because of the wave of repression and summary executions which had followed his assumption of power.

In an interview to the Indian daily *The Indian Express*, Massoud Rajavi, exiled leader of the Mujahedeen predicted that the present Iranian government will fall by November. "Everything is going according to the plan... the so-called leader of the Islamic Republic (Ayatollah Khomeini) should be out by November," he said. Rajavi also said the National Council of "Resistance for Independence (and) Freedom," formed by Bani-Sadr was the equivalent of a government-in-exile.

In Tehran, supreme Court President Ayatollah Mussavi Ardebili disclosed Friday

that the man sought by Iranian authorities for the Aug. 31 bombing which killed President Muhammad Ali Rajai and Prime Minister Muhammad Javad Bahonar was "in flight."

Speaking at Friday prayers at Tehran University, Ayatollah Ardebili said that Massoud Keshmiri, who was secretary of the Iranian Security Council at the time of the bombing, was accused by the authorities of being aligned with the leftist Mujahedeen and infiltrating the government. In previous references to Keshmiri as the possible author of the attack, Iranian officials had not indicated whether he was killed in the powerful blast at the prime minister's office, had been arrested or executed or was in flight.

# Qaddafi gives \$34,000 charity work

AMMAN, Sept. 18 (AFP) — Iraq's State Saddam Hussein Friday gave \$34,000 to the sixth international day of charity work, to be staged in Amman in December under the guidance of the Red Crescent.

Representatives from France, India, and Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative in Bahrain capital, will participate in the exhibition, it was said.

# Israel complains to U.N. against PLO

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 18 (R) — Israel protested to the United Nations Thursday night over last Saturday's grenade attack against a group of Italian tourists in Jerusalem and said the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was responsible.

In a letter to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, Israeli U.N. representative Yehuda Blum said a tourist was killed and another died later in hospital. In addition, 27 others were wounded, including three local residents. He noted this followed an attack last month against a synagogue in Vienna in which two persons were killed and 17 wounded.

# BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD, (R) — Police Thursday stormed the building of Islamabad's only daily newspaper, *The Muslim*, and drove out the staff after the management suspended publication.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Indian Premier Indira Gandhi's party paper, *The National Herald*, Friday accused Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq of promising the U.S. military base facilities in exchange for massive military supplies.

ROME, (AFP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has officially invited Pope John Paul II to visit Egypt in November 1982, Egyptian Former Minister Butros Ghali said here Friday.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi agreed with some members in parliament Thursday that sections of Indian workers in the Middle East were being mistreated by their employers.

TUNIS, (R) — Arab League health ministers meeting in Tunis decided to draft a resolution demanding the transfer of the World Health Organization (WHO) bureau in the east Mediterranean from Alexandria to Amman, League sources said Thursday.

ROME, (AP) — Pope Shenouda III, head of the largest Christian church in the Arab World, is "completely free to do whatever he wants," a senior Egyptian official said Friday.

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## Peking testing Taipei's nerves

By Richard Pascoe

PEKING —

The Chinese Communists appear to be preparing a new initiative to lure Taiwan to the conference table, perhaps by offering the Nationalists a role in the leadership of a reunified China. There has been no official announcement in Peking but several trial balloons have been launched in Hong Kong newspapers which diplomats said would herald a significant shift in Communist policy, if confirmed.

The 70th anniversary of the 1911 revolution which toppled the last Chinese emperor — on Oct. 10 — would be a highly appropriate occasion for such an initiative. Peking has long been preparing big celebrations for the event.

The "Double tenth," as the date is known in Chinese, is also celebrated as Taiwan's National Day. A Communist-backed Hong Kong newspaper, *The New Evening Post*, said China's powerful vice-chairman, Deng Xiaoping, had told foreign visitors in Peking that Nationalist-Communist joint leadership of the country was "not impossible."

Deng last year set reunification with Taiwan as one of Peking's three main tasks for the future, alongside economic construction and an anti-Soviet foreign policy.

Both Peking, governing a population of one billion, and the Taipei government, with 18 million citizens, agree that the island is a province of mainland China. Taiwan has been a separate state since the Communists took over in Peking in 1949.

Since publishing its first disclosure, the *New Evening Post* has suggested that talks on a unification could be held on equal terms between Peking's Communist Party and Taiwan's Kuomintang (Nationalist) Party. This would make it easier than arranging talks between the two governments. Deng noted in an interview with another Hong Kong newspaper last month that the two parties had cooperated before, in the 1920s and against the Japanese during World War II. "The Kuomintang and the Communist Party can cooperate for a third time. They can compete with each other. They can even lead together," he was quoted as saying.

So far Peking's position has been that Taiwan can keep its armed forces and political and economic system if it accepts the mainland flag and acknowledges it is part of the People's Republic. Previously there was no mention of joint leadership.

Analysts say the Hong Kong leaks seem designed to test reaction and prepare the ground for an offer which, though almost certain to be rejected by Taipei, would seem generous enough to make the Nationalists look intransigent.

"It will be aimed more at Washington than at Taipei," one diplomat said. "It will make it more difficult for the Americans to sell the Taiwanese new military aircraft." Taiwan, or the Republic of China as it is officially known, has refused any negotiations since Mao Tse-tung drove Nationalist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek from the mainland and set up the People's Republic.

Angered by what he considered a tactical ploy by Peking, Nationalist Premier Sun Yin-suan this week countered with his own call for reunification under principles enunciated by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who led the 1911 revolution and is still revered on both sides of the Taiwan Straits.

The Nationalist premier called on Peking to renounce communism and pledge allegiance to Taiwan if it wanted to honor Dr. Sun properly on Oct. 10.

"They have frenetically attempted to steal Dr. Sun Yat-sen's name, distort our history and seize upon the 70th anniversary," he told the Nationalist parliament in Taipei. (R)

## Reagan-labor relations cool

By Robert Trantman

WASHINGTON —

Relations between the White House and organized labor are probably at their worst level now since the conservative Republican administrations of Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover in the 1920s, veteran union officials say.

They have been cool since President Reagan, also a right-wing Republican with close ties to big business, took office in January. But the chill became a virtual deep freeze after he sacked the air traffic controllers who went on strike illegally last month.

His tough stand against the controllers was generally applauded by the public, but many union officials viewed it as "union busting" and symbolic of his attitude toward the labor movement as a whole. Organized labor has traditionally been at odds with the policies of Republican presidents, but on matters of special interest such as minimum wages and job safety, it has usually been consulted before new rules or bills are proposed. Under Reagan, however, it has been different.

More often than not, the 14-million-member American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) learns of key White House proposals only after they have been sent to Congress, a union official told Reuters. Another summed up the relationship between Reagan and AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland by saying: "Kirkland can pick up the telephone at any time and talk to President Reagan."

Union officials also noted Reagan's recent statement that opinion polls showed widespread support for him among union members and their families, leading him to conclude that union leaders were "out of step with their own rank and file." But Kirkland hopes that a big AFL-CIO protest demonstration in Washington Sunday, billed as "solidarity day," will prove the president wrong.

Union officials hope 100,000 people will march to protest against such legislation as the Reagan tax bill they say benefits the middle and upper classes, and cuts in social welfare programs for the poor. The protest has the backing of more than 100 non-union groups, including civil rights and church organizations.

Organized labor and the Reagan White House started off on the wrong foot, at least so far as the unions are concerned. Presidents typically consult the AFL-CIO before naming a labor secretary, and labor officials said they had been generally satisfied even with the secretaries named by Republican presidents Eisenhower, Nixon and Ford.

But when Reagan named an obscure former, New Jersey building contractor, Raymond Donovan, as his labor secretary, it came as a complete surprise. Union officials not only had not been consulted, many did not even know who he was.

That nomination signaled a slide in relations between labor and Reagan that included moves to reduce industrial health and safety regulations, many of which were instituted under President Nixon, and to legalize industrial work carried out at home. (R)



## Canadian energy policy angers U.S.

By John Rogers

OTTAWA —

Canada is facing fresh criticism from the United States, including veiled threats of retaliation, over its nationalistic energy policies, but the government appears determined not to give way.

In comments this month, key cabinet ministers have stated that, despite tensions between Ottawa and Washington over Canada's 11-month-old National Energy Program (NEP), the policy stands. Asked about U.S. "sabre-rattling" this week, External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan told reporters Canadians should not lose their nerve.

The Canadian oil industry is 70 percent foreign-owned, mostly by U.S. companies, and a major goal of the NEP is to bring it under majority Canadian ownership by 1990. It offers generous exploration grants and incentives to majority Canadian-owned firms, and reserves for them exclusive rights over production from the Arctic and Atlantic offshore areas from which most of Canada's "new oil" is expected to come.

The government also plans to take over a larger share of the oil and natural gas industry itself, aiming at the big companies. It said the Foreign Investment Review Agency (FIRA), a watchdog body which determines "benefit to Canada" of any investment proposals and has the power to reject them, would be used in achieving the NEP's goals.

The U.S. industry has claimed the Canadian policy discriminated against American investment and encouraged takeovers of American companies in Canada. During the early months of the Reagan administration, the issue only simmered but after a spate of takeovers of foreign companies last spring, U.S. opposition grew. The takeovers included the purchase by Dome Petroleum, one of Canada's oil giants nicknamed "The Calgary Pirates" in the United States, of Hudson's Bay oil and gas, formerly controlled by the U.S. Corporation Conoco.

In addition, Canadian state-run corporations, bought majority control of the Belgian-owned Petrofina Canada and the French-owned Aquitaine Canada.

Other bids were made or rumored, and U.S. oil companies urged Washington to act. Two U.S. Congressmen introduced legislation to block Canadian takeovers by preventing any Canadian firm or person from holding more than five per-

cent of stock in a U.S. company located in Canada.

President Reagan raised the issue with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau during at least one of their three meetings this year. But having apparently received a stone wall response to its representations, the Reagan administration went on to the offensive this month. The new U.S. ambassador, financier Paul Robinson, said in interviews with Canadian journalists the NEP was the worst problem in relations between the U.S. and Canada. He hoped Washington could get the Canadian government "to mitigate some of the harder aspects of the policy and its implementation."

He also referred to growing tensions between the two countries and said the United States disliked investment rules being changed suddenly.

"Our only objection is that once we've been invited in and have played a part in the development of Canada... all of a sudden the rules have been changed... in the middle of play," Robinson told a Canadian radio network. In Washington, senior U.S. officials met their Canadian counterparts to detail complaints about policies and possible retaliatory measures.

They said no decisions had been reached, however, and Canadian ministers also said they had no official word of what retaliation the U.S. planned. Finance Minister Allan MacEachen said the

Ottawa government remained committed to its energy policy and added: "Our job is to explain it to the Americans."

External Affairs Minister MacGuigan told reporters Canada was doing all it could to defend its national interest and could not expect immediate resolution of tensions with Washington. "We are still awaiting formulation of policies by the (Reagan) administration in almost all respects," he said.

In talks last July, Trudeau told Reagan that U.S. investment in Canada, far from declining, had in fact grown to \$6.6 billion from \$1.4 billion in 1973-74. He said that while 80 percent of foreign investment in Canada was American, only 15 percent of Canadian foreign investment was in the U.S. Reagan did not comment. U.S. officials said.

In what could have appeared action in response to American concern, the Canadian government asked commercial banks at the end of July to cut lending for company takeovers. But the move, during an especially weak period for the Canadian dollar, was primarily aimed at stemming the currency's slide.

The government also asked companies to curb takeover activity, but MacEachen said energy takeovers were "exempted to some extent" from the request. "Canadianization" of the oil industry remained government policy, he said. (R)

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

Friday's two newspapers, *Okaz* and *Al-Jazirah* editorially commented on the sale of U.S. AWACS radar warning planes to the Saudi Arabia and yesterday's statements by Defense Minister Prince Sultan in which he expressed his hope the U.S. would honor its commitments by ratifying the deal and providing the additional equipment for the F-15s requested by the Kingdom.

The paper urged Washington to realize the difference between supplying arms for aggression as the case with Israel and fulfilling the Kingdom's request for self-defense. *Al-Jazirah* asked the U.S. to observe its fame as a superpower and its commitments toward the principles of justice, freedom and peace according to the U.N. Charter and the U.S. constitution. The paper asked Washington to cease its blind partiality to Israel which is exercising its expansionist policy in the occupied Arab lands, through the U.S. military support. (SPA)

The Kingdom's relations with the free world have enabled the Kingdom to spearhead Arab and Islamic moves to restore the usurped Arab and Islamic rights in the occupied Palestine.

*Al-Jazirah* emphasized the Kingdom has the right to acquire its needs from sophisticated weapons from any source to ensure its capabilities to deter any aggression.

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*Traders controlled business*

# Old Muslim routes of retail trade later became Sri Lanka's highways

Last in a series

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COLOMBO, Sri Lanka—The retail trade

almost a Muslim monopoly. Most of these traders came from south India.

Slowly, the Muslims in these areas bought small holdings in these estates and became owners of a large number of small estates. Muslims also owned a share of coconut plantations being opened up in the country. Puttalam, Hambantota, Kurunegala, with large concentrations of Muslims, became centers

corporations. In order to control this trade, the government has established a separate Ministry of Textiles. Muslim businessmen are in other trades as well, such as hardware and groceries.

Another important field dominated by Muslims is the gem trade. Muslims have been in the gem trade for time immemorial and have developed such an expertise that many can assess the value of any gem by merely looking at it. The Central Bank of Sri Lanka reported recently that the gem trade is the third largest earner of foreign exchange for the country and Muslims are greatly responsible for bringing this wealth to the country. Beruwela, a Muslim settlement, is synonymous with gems and Sri Lanka is famous for its blue sapphires and cats eyes.

**Agricultural Development**  
Although Sri Lanka Muslims are associated with trade, they occupy an important position in the field of agriculture as well. The Eastern Province, Sri Lanka's granary, is largely populated by Muslims with more than one-third of the Muslim population living there.

The Muslims were originally settled in the Eastern Province by a Sinhalese king when they were persecuted by the Portuguese. The Muslims in this region, unlike other parts of the country, still maintain age old traditions and customs. They live in highly concentrated villages. One of these, Kattankudy, is one of the most thickly populated villages in the world.

Some of the most fertile rice-growing lands are located in this region, they are very well irrigated by tanks and canals built by the government. The biggest irrigation system planned and executed by the government is located in this region. By pursuing a consistent land alienation policy to the Sinhalese, and by depriving Muslims of their land, the government has reduced the Muslim share in this sector of the economy. There is still land which is uncultivated and which, with a little capital could be brought under cultivation.

**Fishing** is a main industry for Muslims who live in the coastal belts of Sri Lanka such as Mannar, Trincomalee, Kalmunai, Hambantota. The Muslims recently have formed cooperative societies and are in the process of modernizing their fishing with the purchase of modern boats.

The present Sri Lanka government, felt that the socialistic policy of the former government brought economic ruin, is now following a policy of free enterprise.

Sri Lanka has been following a stable and consistent foreign policy. Although governments have changed, a policy of strict non-alignment has been followed by all governments, irrespective of their ideological differences.

Reports by Dutch governors never failed to mention the shrewdness and business skills of Muslim traders, saying it was impossible to compete with them in the country's internal trade.

The business sector of Sri Lanka is dominated by Muslims. The Muslim traders who came to the island controlled both external and internal trade until the arrival of the Europeans. At that period of time only means of external contact the island had was through these traders.

With external trade passing into the hands of Europeans, the Portuguese, the Dutch, later to the British, Muslims concentrated on Sri Lanka's retail trade. They visited practically every village in the country their trade routes later became the main ways connecting different towns and villages. Muslims settled along these highways in towns and villages, so much so, that there is not one village in the country where there is no Muslim. Muslims are spread throughout the length and breadth of the country. Reports by Dutch governors never failed to mention the shrewdness and business skills of Muslim traders, saying it was impossible to compete with them in the country's internal trade.

**Plantation Industry Grows**  
With the British occupation of the entire country, the plantation industry grew. Tea rubber plantations were opened across the island and the country entered the internal market with the production of these crops. In turn, industries related to these crops and trade flourished. Muslims took opportunity to open up businesses in the adjoining plantations. This is why one-fourth of the Muslim population of Sri Lanka lives in plantation areas. Trade in textiles and groceries became

of coconut production. Trade in most upcountry towns such as Kandy, Matale, Nawalapitiya, Hatton, Nuwara Ehiya and Badulla, was in Muslim hands.

After Sri Lanka's independence, subsequent governments enacted legislation to increase their participation in trading activities by establishing government cooperative societies, and cooperative wholesale establishments, thereby restricting Muslim trade. Loans were given to non-Muslims to start industries and business ventures. The greatest blow came when the government announced a plan of "Estate Take Over." Legislation was passed saying that no individual could own more than 50 acres of land. As a result, many Muslim landowners lost their property.

**Spice Trade Prospers**  
Another sector of Sri Lanka's internal trade where Muslims prospered was in the spice trade. Muslims still dominate trade in cloves, nutmegs, cardamoms, pepper and cocoa. They not only own lands where these crops are grown, but monopolize trade in these products.

The "Pettali" in Colombo, which is the nucleus of the Sri Lanka business world, is still controlled by Muslims. Two streets, known as "Old Moor Street," and "New Moor Street," are centers of business where transactions in these non-traditional spice products take place.

Both the wholesale and retail textile trade are still in the hands of Muslims in Sri Lanka, although inroads have been made by other communities and by government-backed

# Guru Ranjeesh greeted skeptically; work begun on his Oregon commune

ANTELOPE, Oregon (AP) — From a mobile home perched on a newly sodded hill in the central Oregon desert, Guru Bhagwan Shree Ranjeesh holds sway over the world's largest commune. Ranjeesh, a 49-year-old, balding Indian with a penchant for Rolls Royce automobiles, has attracted attention for his philosophy and alleged violence-filled encounter groups.

Some people think the old big muddy ranch is being prepared to become the successor to the defunct commune which Ranjeesh left in Poona, India, in June. That commune once had several thousand members.

The 260-square-kilometer (100-square-mile) property 40 kilometers (25 miles) from this 40-resident near-ghost town, was purchased in July for \$6 million by the Chidvilas Rajneesh Meditation Center (CRMC) of Montclair, New Jersey, through its president, Sheela Silverman, 32.

Ranjeesh showed up a couple of weeks ago, but has refused to speak with reporters.

He reportedly speaks only two members of what is called his "Inner Circle."

Presumably he spoke to the state policeman who issued him a summons last week for driving 68 miles an hour (109 kph) in his 1981 Rolls Royce on a highway outside the ranch.

So far, only about 50 of his followers have come to begin converting the ranch into a productive farm, but an issue of the Berkeley, California, CRMC newsletter promises a new commune with a population of 10,000 Samyassins, as the orange-garbed followers call themselves.

Jefferson County District Attorney Mike Sullivan says he expects the commune to grow.

"I believe they fully intend to bring in more people—a lot more people," he said. Sullivan says that if the group wants to put up more housing than the 55 mobile homes for which they have permits, they will have to convince the county that any new building is connected with a farming operation.

Sullivan says he has had no problems with the commune. "If you tell them what they need to do, they do it. Money is no problem," he said.

"I can assure you those people are extremely bright. They are well-traveled; they are articulate. They are gracious hosts and they are working hard."

He said the members work 16 hours a day, have cleared 800 hectares of farm land since they moved in this summer and plan to have 3,200 hectares cleared by 1983.

Sullivan said he has to remind some of the long-time Jefferson County residents that the newcomers have rights. He said one resident wanted to get up a petition to force the commune out.

"How would you like them to get up a petition for you to move from your home," he said he asked the man. "They are not going to be the victims of discrimination because they're different," he said.

The group recently bought two lots in Antelope for a telephone center.

# Modern authors, creators spotlighted in Miami's 20th Century arts festival

By Mary Campbell

NEW YORK (AP) — An arts festival is planned next June in Miami, with 176 live performances, including 27 premieres, films and seven art exhibitions — and everything done from the 20th century.

Edward Albee, Tennessee Williams and Lanford Wilson will write new plays. Robert Ward will write an opera, about a nuclear scientist, with scenery done by projections. A 16-member permanent ballet company will be created.

Robert Herman, former executive director of the Metropolitan Opera, now director of the Greater Miami Opera Association, made the announcement as executive director of the New World Festival of the Arts. He said the idea for a festival of all arts, to focus on contemporary creators, came to him and his staff after Dade County, Florida, passed a

special tax, 20 percent of which is to go toward cultural events and special projects to bring tourists to Miami.

Herman said that June 4 to 26 was chosen because "hotels aren't full, everything is air-conditioned, the hurricane season hasn't started and it's after the Spoleto festival and before European festivals."

He said \$2.4 million of \$4.8-million budget is already in hand. If all tickets sell, they will take in \$4 million. Ticket prices range from \$4 to \$100 for the opera premiere, with the average of about \$18.

Other events listed are premieres of 15 to 20 movies, a new play about Pablo Picasso, which could be presented some nights in English and some nights in Spanish, and Carlisle Floyd's opera "of mice and men." There will be seven exhibitions in five museums and

exhibits at all art galleries in the area.

In dance, the Paul Taylor Dance Company will visit for a week. Alexander Godunov, Cynthia Gregory, Fernando Buñuelos and Galina Panova will be guests with the new ballet company — Geoffrey Holder will choreograph a work, "Blues and Ballads" for Carmen de Lavallade.

The Chamber Music Society on Lincoln Center will give 12 concerts of four programs, each program including a premiere. Jazz pianist Chick Corea and conductor Lukas Foss will play piano in their works. Morton Gould and Leon Kirchner will compose only.

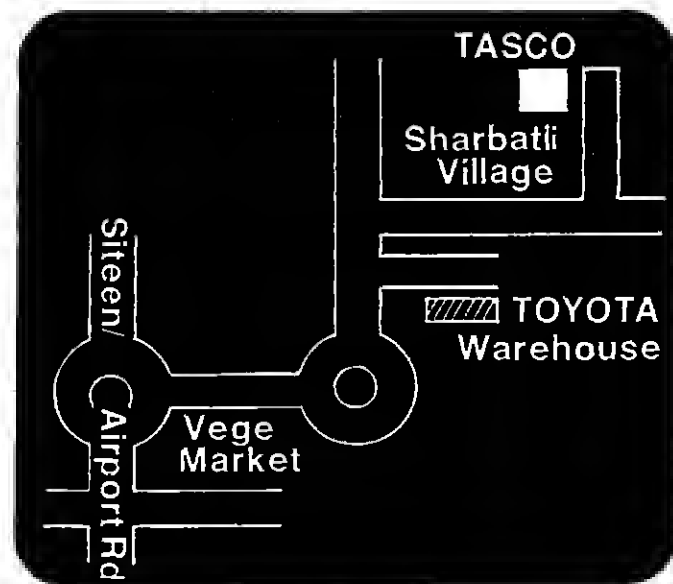
The Argentinian Chamber Group Camerata Bariloche will give six performances, including a premiere by Ned Rorem. Brazilian pianist Dr. Caio Fagano will play two premieres written for the festival.



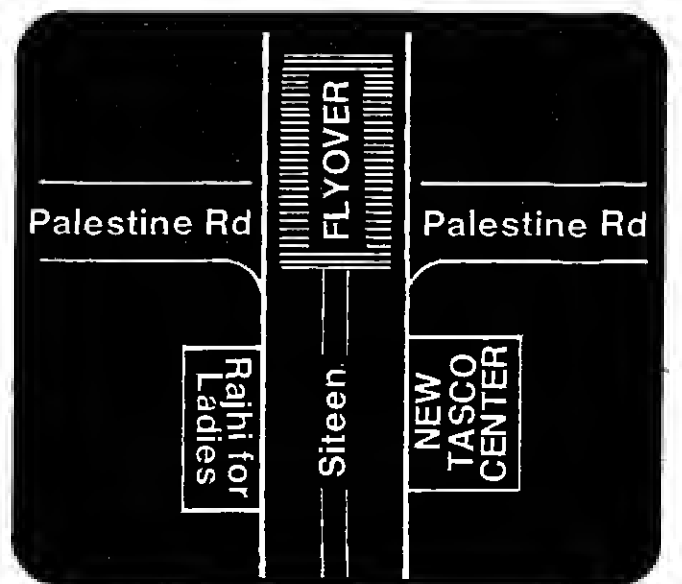
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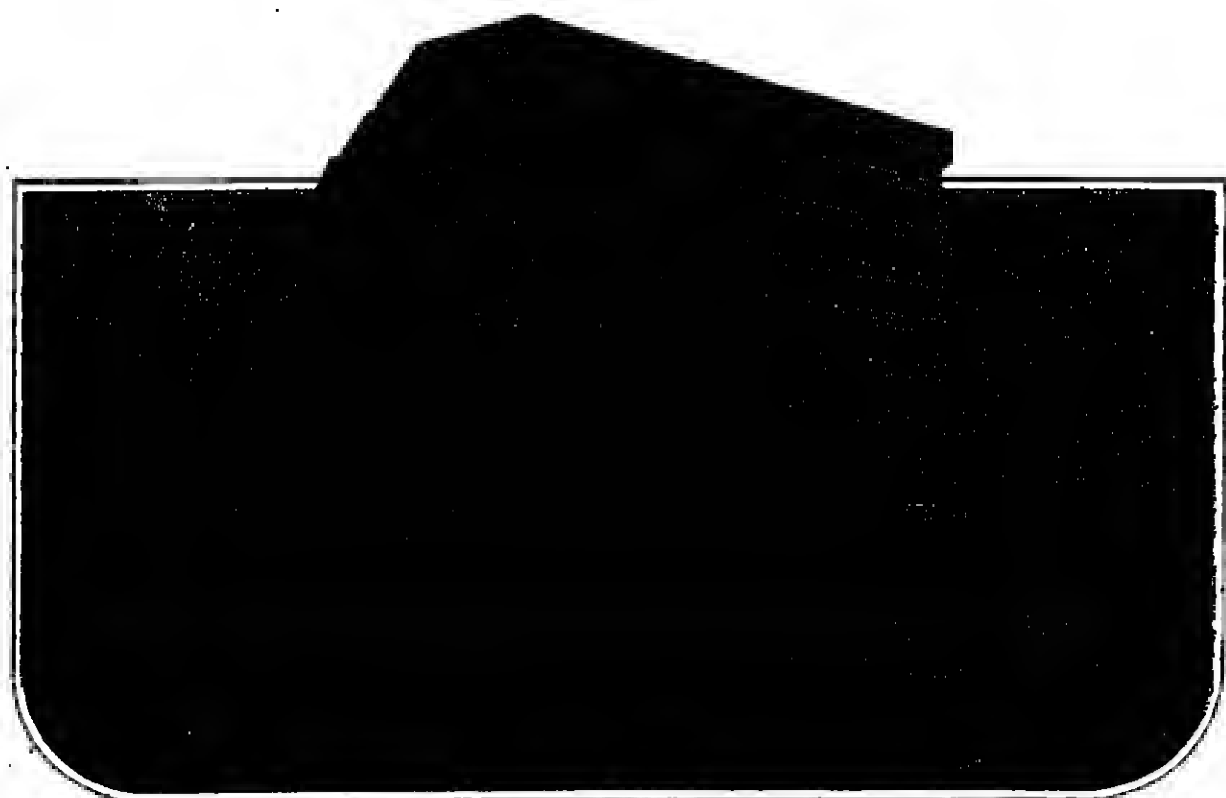
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## U.S. soldiers stage chemical exercise

HASSENHAUSEN, West Germany, Sept. 18 (AP) — American troops staged a unique chemical weapons defense exercise Thursday, responding to a growing fear in the Western alliance of Soviet chemical warfare ability.

Soldiers from units airlifted from the United States in the annual 17,000-troop "Reforger" reinforcement war games, turned this sleepy central West German hamlet into a makeshift decontamination center to test how well soldiers could return to battle after an attack of chemical poison.

Brig. Gen. Jack Farris, assistant commander of the 4th Infantry Division, airlifted from Fort Carson, Colorado, two weeks ago, said more emphasis than usual was placed on chemical warfare defense in this year's maneuvers. "Every year we do more, but never enough," Farris said.

The chemical exercise was planned months ago. Thursday's test simulated an attack of liquid nerve agent on a company of infantrymen and tried to test if they could be sent back to the fighting within 24 hours.

Helicopters flew the mock wounded to the lawn and recently harvested cornfields of Hassenhausen and processed the troops through aid stations, including one set on the lawn outside the home of Hassenhausen's mayor.

Decontamination proceeded as if the soldiers had been sprayed with "soman," a pesticide-like chemical that Lt. Col. Morton Brisker, the exercise director, said was in the



(AP Wirephoto) DECONTAMINATION: U.S. soldiers participating in a decontamination exercise following a simulated chemical attack in a West German village Thursday.

Soviet arsenal.

In a real attack, protective clothing and masks worn by all NATO troops in combat would delay the effects for up to six hours. The first symptoms would be itching and sweating, followed by muscle tremors, uncontrolled urinating and defecating and finally death in great pain from failure of the central nervous system.

### In a wide range of infections

## New drug fights 'superbugs'

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AP) — A new drug to fight "superbugs" that have grown increasingly resistant to existing antibiotics became available to British doctors Thursday. Beecham, the giant British drug company, said the new drug augmentin will open a new era in the treatment of a wide range of infections.

Dr. Martin Cole, the company's senior biochemist, said tests on 5,000 patients over the last five years showed augmentin was effective against 95 percent of bacteria which cause common infections treated daily by family doctors. He said the drug was up to a third more effective than existing antibiotics.

The company recommended it for treatment of bronchitis, pneumonia, tonsillitis, the bone inflammation illness osteomyelitis, cystitis which causes inflammation of the urinary bladder, the sinus inflammation illness sinusitis, skin infections and post-operative wounds.

Alan Percival, professor of bacteriology at Manchester University Medical School, said: "Augmentin is an advance because it widens the potential cover against bacterial organisms."

Reaction from some other experts was cooler. Dr. Andrew Herxheimer, senior lecturer in clinical pharmacology at London's Charing Cross Hospital Medical School and editor of *Drugs and Therapeutic Bulletin*, said augmentin was probably useful in certain fairly uncommon cases. But he said it was a combination of two drugs and it was always better to use one drug where possible.

Spokesman Ian McKimery of the government's Health Department said augmentin "has proved perfectly safe" but declined further comment. Beecham plans to market the drug in 150 countries. It hopes to get approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration by 1983.

When the Scottish bacteriologist Sir Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1929 and it was purified and first used medically in 1941, it seemed illnesses caused by bacterial infections had been beaten.

But resistant strains of bacteria have developed to such a degree that a survey among British family doctors showed that over 25 percent of cases are now resistant to the wide-spectrum, penicillin-based antibiotics ampicillin and amoxycillin. Experts had warned that unless use of antibiotics were limited they would become useless.

The defense evolved by the bacteria consists of enzymes which destroy the antibiotic and leave the cell walls of the bacteria intact. The widespread use of antibiotics has created an environment in which resistant bacteria thrive at the expense of other, non-resistant strains, and the resistant bacteria transmit their defense mechanism to other bacteria.

James Diamond, chairman of Beecham Pharmaceuticals, said the firm spent 15 million pounds (\$27.75 million) researching and developing augmentin over the last 12 years and another 5 million pounds (\$9.25 million) on manufacturing techniques.

## U.S. broadcasts 'luring' refugees

DENVER, Colorado, Sept. 18 (AP) — U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder has charged that voice of American broadcasts in foreign countries improperly are encouraging persons to leave their homes and seek new lives in the United States.

Her comments came during a house subcommittee hearing in Washington Wednesday on the Ronald Reagan administration's refugee policy. Ms. Schroeder, who toured Southeast Asia and Europe last month with

the house subcommittee, claimed the broadcasts issue "invitations" to disaffected people in areas like Southeast Asia to flee their homes and come to the United States.

To support her arguments, Ms. Schroeder quoted from a number of broadcasts. William Haratunian, deputy director of Voice of America, categorically has denied his agency has attempted to "lure" or otherwise encourage foreigners to leave their home countries for America.

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# Schmidt hints at Reagan visit

ONN, Sept. 18 (R) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Friday condemned recent U.S. violence in West Germany and said that Ronald Reagan would be able to do for himself, probably on a visit this year, what Germans and Americans were friends.

Schmidt made the disclosure that Reagan would be expected here after a November visit to West Germany by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev in a bid to stress West Germany's commitment to alliance with United States. He told

the Bundestag (lower house) during a debate on the 1982 federal budget that peace could be secured only through international dialogue and cooperation.

"In this end we are meeting this year with Leonid Brezhnev, and to this end we shall meet this year, probably for the third time in one year, with President Ronald Reagan," he said. The Chancellor said he received an invitation to Reagan during "intensive consultations" in Bonn five days ago with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

"When he (Reagan) comes he will learn that it is true... that Germans and Americans are friends," he said. Schmidt spoke three days after an abortive grenade and gun attack in Heidelberg on the U.S. Army commander in Europe, Gen. Frederick Kroesen.

Responsibility for the attack, latest in a series against U.S. military personnel and property, was later claimed by the extreme left-wing Red Army Faction which shook West German society in the 1970s with a wave of similar violence.

Schmidt said those responsible were striking not only at the United States but "also at our freedom and our security." The Bonn government knew it had the support of the overwhelming majority of Germans in pursuing the struggle against such terrorism, he said.

Schmidt acknowledged there are at times political differences between West Germans and the United States. But he stressed they

were linked by common values which formed the basis of the Western alliance. "We can rely not only on American friends and the American people can rely on us Germans," he said, amid applause.

As on previous occasions, the Chancellor strongly defended Bonn's support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) strategy of seeking arms talks with Moscow and at the same time preparing to deploy new U.S.-made missiles in Europe.

He said he expected consultations with the United States to intensify once the Reagan administration started negotiations with Moscow in November on curbing such weapons. Schmidt, who was staked his career on the talks making headway, said he was sure both Reagan and Brezhnev wanted to negotiate.

Schmidt cautioned, however, against some of the sentiments which have surfaced in the West German "peace movement" which has mobilized opposition to NATO rearmament plans and Reagan's decision to produce neutron weapons. Pointing to a buildup of Soviet SS-20 missile and backfire bombers, he said there were many people who "one-sidedly see a danger only from the West."

While the Chancellor made much of the bonds between his country and the United States, he also turned aside American criticism of Bonn's decision to increase defense spending this year by a nominal 4.2 percent — well short of the NATO target. A country's defense capability depended on the way its young men were motivated to become soldiers, not just on the amount of finance allocated in a budget, he said.

## Killer chemical

### Worries Pentagon

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (R) — The Pentagon says there is no known antidote to "yellow rain" killer chemical which the United States has accused Communist forces of spraying on people in Laos and Cambodia.

Defense Department official told reporters that it could take up to four years to develop an antidote and he said U.S. officials were worried because they had no instant remedy for the poisons which can cause death in minutes.

The Pentagon official said the U.S. military was testing its gas masks to make sure they protected against "yellow rains," a mixture of powder which Communist forces sprayed from low-flying planes.

## Laos guerrillas announce plan to restore monarchy

BANGKOK, Sept. 18 (AFP) — Lao guerrilla leaders have announced plans to restore the former kingdom of Laos, deposed by Vietnamese-backed Communists in December 1975.

The Lao People's National Liberation Front (LPNLF) a one-year-old umbrella group, said Friday monarchy would be proclaimed soon by a "prince regent," or stand-in for missing King Savang Vatthana. "From that moment, the reunification of the different guerrilla groups' combatant forces will take place around the person of the prince regent and his council," the front said in a statement, dated Sept. 15 to coincide with its first anniversary.

LPNLF leader Impeng Surysay, who held several ministerial posts in pre-1975 non-Communist governments, said the front was only awaiting an official acceptance letter from the already-deposed future prince regent, Tiao Khamking, about 60, a half brother of the king now living in Australia.

## In the Barents Sea

# Gold salvaged from warship

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AP) — British divers have recovered six 28-pouod (12.7-kilogram) bars of gold from a British cruiser torpedoed by German destroyer in 1942 while carrying an estimated 45 million pounds (\$83 million) worth of Soviet bullion, Moscow's payment for U.S. weapons, Britain's Defense Ministry said.

The gold bars are the first to be lifted from the barnacle-encrusted hull of the *Edinburgh*. The vessel is believed to hold a treasure trove of 4.65 tons of gold on the bed of the Barents Sea, 244 meters down in icy waters 273 kms north of the Soviet port of Murmansk.

Word of the find, the first significant recovery by the diving team, came Thursday from a Defense Ministry observer aboard the divers' mother ship, the 1,400-ton, German-built *Stephanstrum*.

The ministry put a man aboard the vessel after giving permission for a British salvage firm, Jessop Marine Recoveries of Manchester, to attempt to recover the bullion.

The 10,000-ton *Edinburgh*, which went down May 2, 1942, with 30 dead aboard, is officially listed as a war grave. The British government lifted a ban on salvage operations in 1957.

Official records listed the *Edinburgh's* cargo as 5 tons of gold — 93 cases each containing four 28-pound (12.7-kilogram) gold bars. But the salvage crew could be in for a bonus. Soviet Adm. Arseni Golovko, who was commander of naval operations in Murmansk when the bullion was loaded, wrote in a book later that "the cruiser... went to the bottom with her cargo of gold weighing about 10 tons."

The Soviet government has two officials aboard the recovery ship to monitor the salvage operation. Under terms of the recovery negotiated with Britain's Department of Trade, Jessop Marine Recoveries will get about 20 million pounds (\$37 million) if it recovers all the bullion.

The British government will take about one-third of the remainder and the Soviets two-thirds under insurance terms. The U.S. government has no claim because it had no collected insurance on the lost bullion.

The gold bars are stamped with the double-headed eagle of the Russian czars. The gold was originally part of the imperial treasury seized by the Bolsheviks when they toppled Russia's rulers in 1917. Details of the recovery operation were scant.

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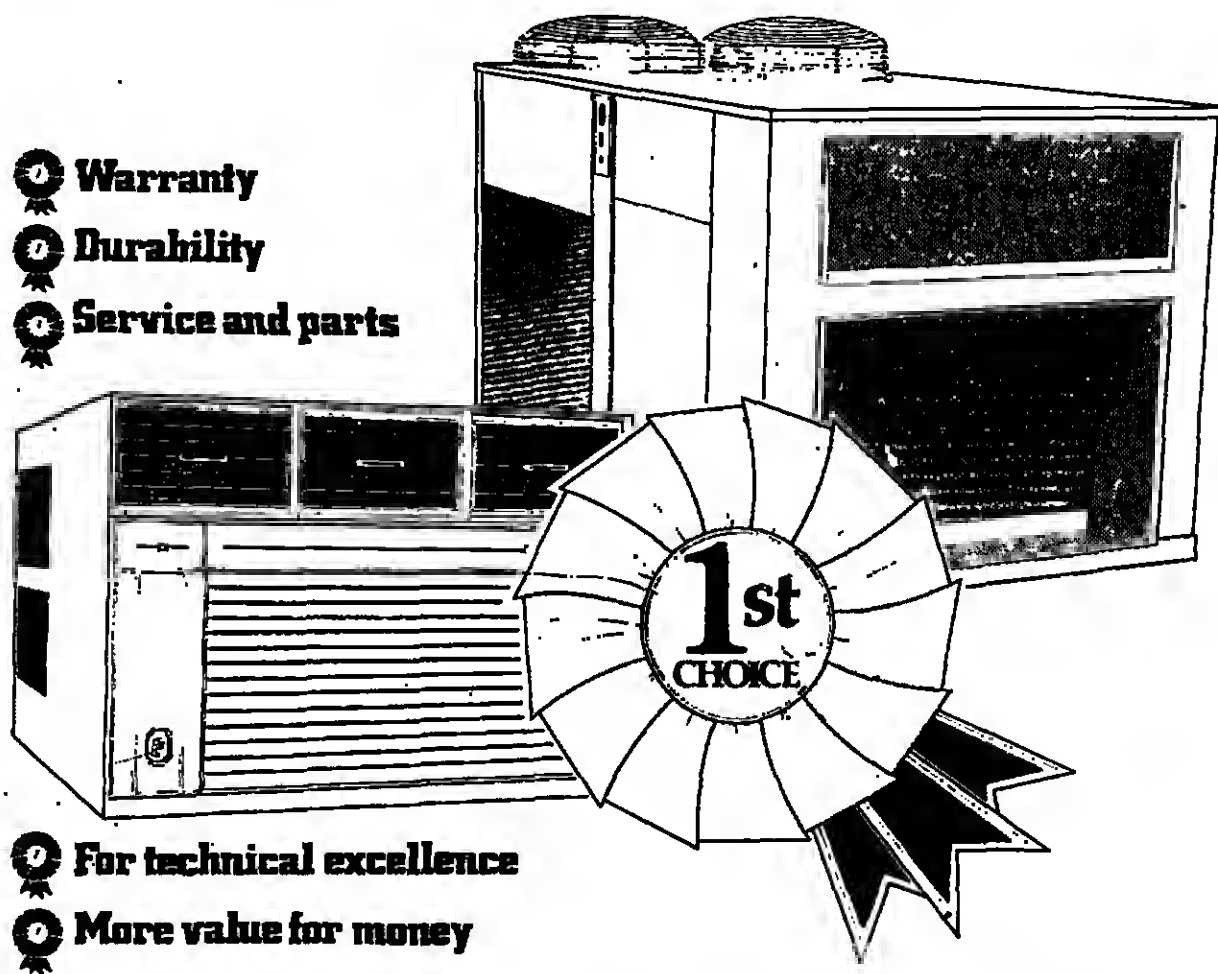
PEKING (AFP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will pay an official visit to China from Oct. 5 to 7, the Western German Embassy announced here Friday. The embassy said Genscher will be returning Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua's visit to West Germany in June last year.

PEKING (AFP) — The new United States ambassador to China, Arthur W. Hummel, arrived in Peking Thursday night, the U.S. Embassy announced here Friday. Hummel, 61, the second U.S. ambassador to China following the normalization of relations between the two countries in January 1979, takes over from Leonard Woodcock.

BANGKOK (AFP) — Twenty-six Western narcotics prisoners in Thai jails Friday suspended a 21-day-old hunger strike designed to win better conditions and transfers to their homeland. French prisoners Patrick Parant and Jean-marc Cuilleron said they had suspended the protest on assurances from their embassy that negotiations on a convict-exchange treaty were continuing.

BELGRADE (R) — A Yugoslav poet was sentenced to two years imprisonment Thursday for insulting the late President Tito and for publishing anti-state propaganda.

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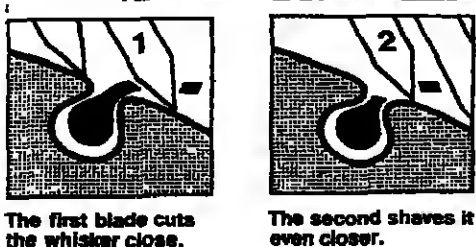
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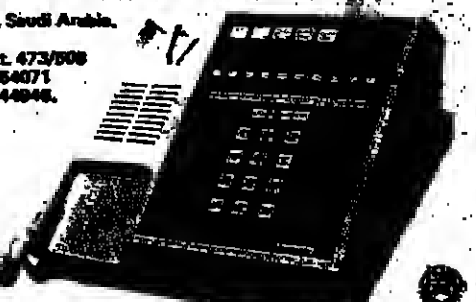
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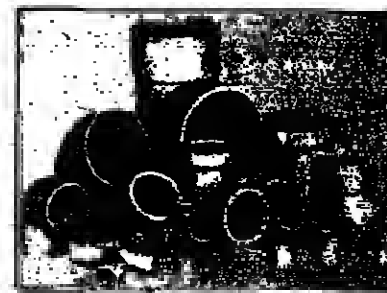
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# U.S. trade surplus its \$1.1 billion mark

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP) — The U.S. trade surplus "current account" — the broadest measure of financial dealings with the rest of the world — reached a \$1.1 billion surplus in the second quarter of this year, about one-third the quarter surplus, the U.S. Commerce Department has reported.

## Arab states give NICEF \$40m

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 18 (R) — A committee of seven Arab Gulf states has pledged \$40 million to support the work of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the committee announced.

The pledge was signed Thursday at a ceremony in the office of Secretary General Kurt Waldheim by Prince Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia. He is a special envoy of the Arab League and also president of the Arab Gulf Council for the U.N. development organization which involves Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The U.S. balance of payments should show little change the rest of the year, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said Thursday in a statement accompanying the report.

Such a development has also been predicted by other administration officials who say the growing value of the dollar in international finance has made it harder for foreigners to buy U.S. goods and services and easier for them to find American buyers for their products. The new commerce report said that most of the decline in the surplus was due to a \$2.2 billion quarterly increase in the deficit on merchandise trade, reported earlier.

Baldrige noted that "merchandise trade receives the lion's share of attention, but trade in services has played a critical role in keeping our recent external financial condition balanced." Service receipts were unchanged at \$9.5 billion more than payments in the second quarter, the report said.

But that potential big overall surplus was whittled down by the \$1.5 billion in foreign aid — leaving the \$1.1 billion surplus.

# Kuwait floats \$20m bond for Eurofima

KUWAIT, Sept. 18 (AP) — The Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company (KFTCIC) will lead-manage a Kuwaiti \$20 million (\$20 million) bond issue for Eurofima, a company press bulletin has reported.

Eurofima is the European company for financing railway rolling stock. It was organized in Switzerland in 1956, in line with a convention signed by 16 European countries. Sources said it was the first time this "excellent borrower" taps the Kuwaiti bond market.

Also managing the bond issue is Eastman Paine Webber International Ltd., according to the KFTCIC report.

Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait, the Gulf Bank, the Industrial Bank of Kuwait, the Kuwait International Investment Company and the National Bank of Kuwait also will co-manage the issue, said the report.

# Inflation in U.K. jumps to 21.9%

LONDON, Sept. 18 (R) — Britain's annual inflation rate last month showed its first significant increase in over a year, the government said Friday.

Retail prices in the 12 months to August rose by 11.5 percent from July's figure of 10.9 percent, the employment department said. It was the first significant increase since May 1980, when the rate of inflation reached 21.9 percent, and it struck a blow to the government's anti-inflation strategy.

# EEC resolution angers Turkey

STRASBOURG, Sept. 18 (AP) — A draft resolution submitted to the European Parliament Thursday defining the territorial limits of the European Economic Community to include dispute waters in the Aegean Sea has angered Turkey.

The Ankara government has sent a high-level delegation, headed by Kamuran Inan, Turkish ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva and Jenap Keskin, ambassador to the EEC, to Strasbourg to lobby against the measure.

# World trade increases 1.5%

GENEVA, Sept. 18 (R) — World trade volume increased by only 1.5 percent last year and may even decline this year because of the weak economic performance by major industrial countries, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) said Friday.

Protectionism was not directly to blame for the minimal increase, a survey by the world trade organization said, but it could be viewed as a major reason for the poor performance of the major economies. It deplored a trend by governments to get around free-trade rules by increasing discriminatory measures.

If stated in dollars, world trade in agricultural goods, fuels, minerals and manufactured goods last year grew by 20 percent to nearly \$2,000 billion, due mainly to the dollar's relative weakness against other currencies in 1980.

But GATT economists said the volume measurement was more significant since it expressed the quantity of goods exchanged from the year to the next without taking account of inflation and exchange rate fluctuations. Consumer resistance to massive oil price increases by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) appeared to be a major factor in the slow trade growth.

# Japan's car exports slump

TOKYO, Sept. 18 (R) — Japan's two largest car manufacturers, Toyota and Nissan, have announced sharp falls in their auto exports as curbs on shipments to Western Europe and the United States continued to take their toll.

Toyota motors, the world's largest producer in Japan and number two worldwide after General Motors of the U.S., said its August exports dropped more than 17 percent from a year before, the largest fall this year and the fifth consecutive monthly decline.

Spokesman John Babey of the General Services Administration (GSI), the agency that controls the strategic stockpile of minerals, said 1.25 million ounces of silver will be offered for sale each week from next month.

# U.S. to sell silver stockpile next month

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (R) — The U.S. government has said it will begin selling 46.5 million ounces of stockpiled silver next month to raise money to buy strategic defense materials such as cobalt.

Silver prices fell sharply Thursday after the sale was announced. Prices have hovered recently around \$10 an ounce after reaching a peak of nearly \$50 early last year.

# Britain records rise in production

LONDON, Sept. 18 (R) — The Bank of England said industrial output in Britain rose during the first half of this year, but gave little support to the government view that the country was climbing out of economic recession.

The bank, in its latest quarterly bulletin on economic developments, appeared to hold out little hope of Britain making a speedy economic recovery. "It is impossible to be certain whether the positive or negative factors will prevail," the bank said.

The report said output by manhour rose by three to four percent in the first half of the year. Officials said latest information since the report was printed suggested that productivity growth could be heading for eight percent a year.

But the report said the figures should be treated with caution because it was not clear whether the rise in output was due to permanent changes in work practices or widespread factory closures because of the slump.

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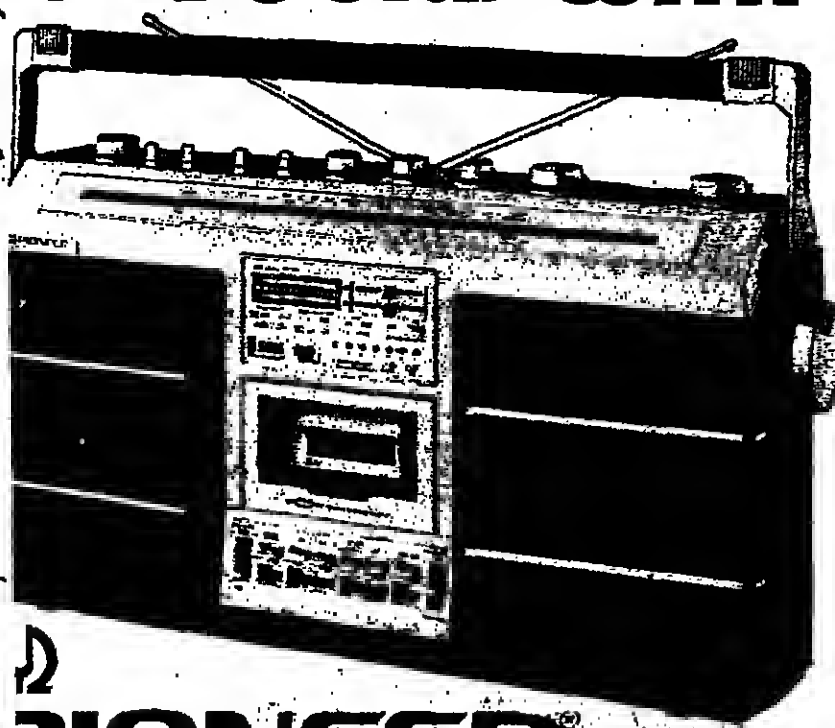
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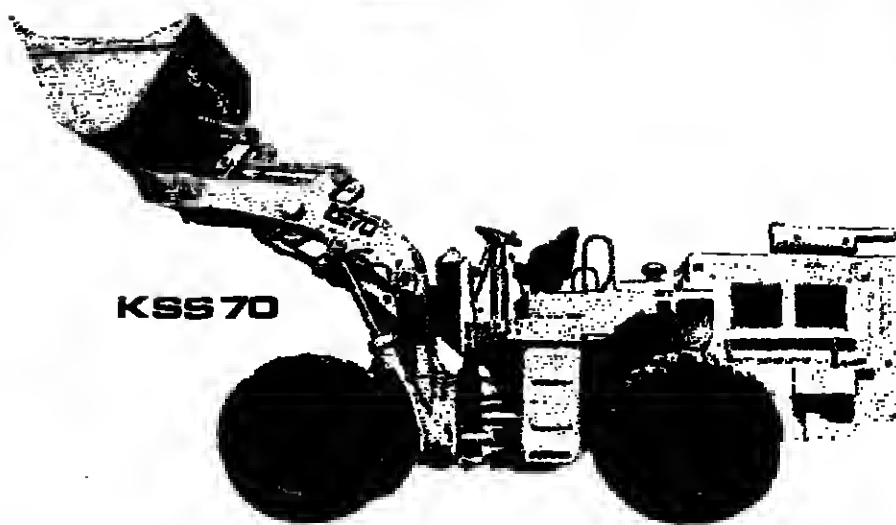
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# Springboks likely to call off U.S. tour

CHICAGO, Illinois, Sept. 18 (AP) — A South African rugby team embroiled in a national controversy over its tour of America is considering canceling the tour, according to a published report.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported in Friday's edition that a source "close to the team" told the newspaper that members of the Springboks had been told to "pack their bags and be ready to leave Chicago at a moment's notice."

The newspaper reported that the team's managers met with American rugby officials Thursday night and that among the possibilities being considered was for the team to fly to the west coast to catch a flight back to South Africa.

The team was scheduled to play its first game of the American tour Saturday against a team from the Midwest Rugby Union at a secret location.

Thursday night's meeting came after the team learned that the mayor of Albany, New York had canceled a scheduled appearance by the Springboks next week for fear of violent demonstrations by opponents of South

Africa's racial policies. In addition, the Soviet Olympic Committee charged the U.S. government violated the Olympic charter by allowing the South Africans to compete in the United States.

The appearance of the team has prompted a spate of modest demonstrations here, although nothing like the violence that was touched off by the team's recent appearances in New Zealand. A clash after the match left 43 demonstrators arrested and 148 injured.

After the Chicago match — reportedly set for Saturday — the team had planned to play at Albany, New York, Sept. 22, but Mayor Erastus Corning, at the urging of New York Governor Hugh Carey, cancelled that game saying the safety of participants and others could not be guaranteed.

Earlier in the week, the Chicago City Council passed a resolution condemning the team's appearance. And a Wisconsin Resort Hotel announced it had canceled room reservations for the Springboks, who might have been planning on playing at a nearby site. The Abhey on Lake Geneva said the hotel's management feared violence.

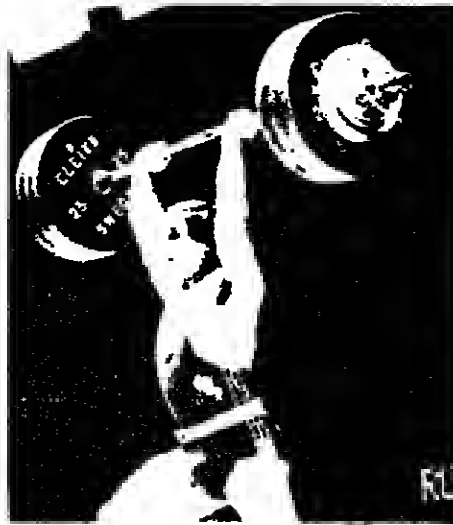
# Europe golfers well placed

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AFP) — Europe's top golfers, having shared the foursomes two-all to the morning, were leading the United States in three of the four afternoon four-ball matches in the Biennial Ryder Cup Golf match as the weather brightened at Walton Heath (Surrey) Friday afternoon.

Again it was the British pair Mark James and Sandy Lyle, who had beaten British Open Champion, Bill Rogers, and Bruce Lietzke, two and one to the foursome, who were leading the way.

They were three up after eight holes against Ben Crenshaw and Jerry Pate. Lyle won the second hole with a birdie four and James won with a hole-in-one at the third and sixth. Ireland's Des Smyth and Spain's Jose-María Canizares were one-up after six holes against Rogers and Lietzke and Bernard Gallacher and Eamonn Darcy also one-up against Hale Irwin and Ray Floyd after four.

Only Sam Torrance and Howard Clark were losing, being one down to Johnny Miller and Tom Kite after nine holes.



RECORD LIFT: Bulgarian Yanko Kisev who set a new world mark on his way to the gold in the middleweight Wednesday.

# Russian shatters two lift records

LILLE, France, Sept. 18 (R) — Yurik Vardanyan of the Soviet Union set two world light-heavyweight (82.5 kg) records as he took his fifth successive title at the World and European Weightlifting Championships Thursday.

Vardanyan, 25, lifted 178 kg in an extra attempt on the snatch then jerked 223 kg. He also won the gold medal by 20kg from Bulgarian Asen Zlatev. Third was Czechoslovak Dusan Poliacik with 367.5 kg.

The Olympic champion, who won his first world title four years ago at middleweight (75 kg), moved up to his present class in 1978 where he has remained unbeaten.

Lifting with powerful efficiency, his only moment of weakness was on the snatch. He twice missed 178 kg, 0.5 kg more than his own best set during his Moscow Games victory last year, but a fourth attempt outside the actual competition, was successful.

# Andalus scores upset victory over Armaska

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Sept. 18 — The Jeddah Squash League opened Sunday night, producing some mild surprises and unexpected results, but with several teams still not at full strength after the summer break, the results may not be a good indication for future matches.

In the "A" Division, Andalus Village whitewashed Armaska 5-0 for the days biggest shock. John Yeudall surprising Rolf Holme with a 3-1 win to complete the rout. Hochtief edged Streeters 3-2. Hochtief's Mike Wade produced the deciding result beating Doug Christie on the night after Christie had beaten him twice in recent matches.

Samba were two players short and fell 3-2 to Halcrow. Bedouins were also without their No. 1 player, Ian Johnson, and lost 3-2 to Grey Mackenzie. Farouk Aziz produced some fine squash to edge Mike Forbes-Cable 10-9 in the fifth but only newcomer Chris Vigour could add to Aziz's result. Bedouins look to be a little unsettled in the coming weeks with Vigour and Graeme Sibley uncertain of playing and could well struggle throughout the early part of the season. They meet Andalus Village this Sunday but will have Johnson back at No. 1.

In the "B" Division, both the newly promoted teams made a good start to the season. Binladin downed Arabian Homes 4-1 while Phillips Ericsson knocked Hochtief "B" by the same margin. These two meet on Sunday in what will be a very close contest, with Ericsson looking the more likely winner on

# Top U.K. rider, Potter, dies

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AFP) — Motorcycle champion Dave Potter has died 18 days after suffering serious head injuries in a 90 mph crash at Oulton Park, Cheshire.

Potter, 31, of Royston, Hertfordshire, hit a barrier while leading on the last lap of the Bank Holiday Monday Superbike Championship, which he had won for the past two years.

Two days after the accident he was flown by helicopter from Chester Royal Infirmary to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire where he died Thursday. Regarded as one of the best British riders of the decade, Potter was married with two children.

# BRIEFS

TOKYO, (AFP) — Japan qualified to represent the Asian region in the 10th World Men's Handball Championships by defeating South Korea 29-24 (18-10, 11-14) in the Group "B" preliminary round at the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium Friday. It was the second straight victory for Japan, which beat China Thursday.

DIVONNE-LES-BAINS, (AFP) — Soviet World Amateur Cycling Champion Alexander Vedemikov Friday won the tour of the Future's 11th stage, 153 km (94.86 km) from Saint-Gervais to Divonne-les-Bains in 3h 44:58. French professional Pascal Simon remained the overall leader.

BELGRADE, (AFP) — Victor Ivanenko of the Soviet Union established the first-ever silhouette target world record at the European Championships in Titograd Friday when he totaled 598 points from 60 shots.

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — American George Burns and British Peter Townsend were leading with a 4-under par 69 after the opening day of the Belgian Laurent Perrier Golf Trophy.

RYE, New York, (AP) — Rod Laver and Cliff Drysdale easily advanced Thursday with straight-set opening round victories in the \$33,000 Carte Blanche Tennis Legends tournament event being played at the Westchester Country Club. Laver defeated fellow Australian Oweo Davidson 6-2, 6-4 and Drysdale defeated Roy Emerson 6-4, 6-3 before a near-capacity crowd.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Top-seeded Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia, playing steadily, whipped American Sharon Walsh 6-2, 6-4 and advanced to the semifinals of the \$175,000 Toray Silcock Women's Tennis Tournament at Tokyo's Yoyogi Gymnasium Friday.

paper. Last week, only Dave Pethers and Jack Blomfield could manage wins for Arabian Homes and Hochtief respectively, although both teams were without important players.

Riofinex could well have a happier time this season than they had in the "A" Division. A 4-1 win against Sogex gave them their first win for a very long time, but left Sogex in the same position they occupied most of last season. However, with two of the Riofinex's wins going to five games, Sogex will be looking for revenge in the return match.

Saudi Tarmac pulled out of the league before hitting a single ball and left Saudi, their Sunday night opponents, matchless and pointless. All the matches against Tarmac will now be called byes and no points awarded. This Sunday, Arabian Homes meet Hochtief, Saudi plays Sogex and Riofinex get a bye.

# Iraq, Sao Paulo to contest final

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. 18 (AFP) — Iraq and Brazil selection, Sao Paulo, will clash in the final of the Merdeka Soccer tournament.

The Brazil selection defeated India 2-0 while Iraq made the grade with a similar margin victory over Japan. A. Tuico scored the first goal for the Brazilians in the 40th minute while Luis Barbosa got the other in the 59th minute.

The Iraqis led 1-0 at halftime in a match played in a slight drizzle. The Iraqis, who appeared to be the better team, put on the pressure from the start and were rewarded with an eight minute goal.

Adil Kheiser collected the ball on the left flank and centered to forward Felah Hassan. Hassan pushed the ball a short distance to the unmarked Ali Hussein who slammed a powerful shot from 10 yards.

The second goal came in the 60th minute when Faizal Aziz collected a pass from Felah Hassan, who scored from inside the penalty box.

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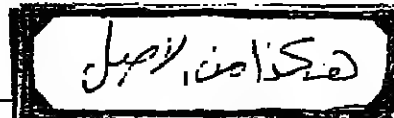
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American League East

# Rice takes Red Sox to 2nd spot

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (AP) — Jim Rice led four hits and drove in four runs, of them coming on his 15th homer of the season, as the Boston Red Sox pounded the Detroit Tigers 6-1 Thursday night.

Rice, completing a four-game series, moved the Red Sox past the idle Milwaukee Brewers into second place in the American League East, within one-half game of the first-place New York Yankees.

Right-hander Bobby Ojeda gained an early victory in eight decisions with relief from Bill Campbell, who earned his sixth victory. Ojeda allowed six hits, all singles, while giving up seven innings. Campbell pitched Detroit on one single the rest of the game.

Rich Dauer and Eddie Murray each drove in two runs to pace the Baltimore Orioles to a 6-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Scott McGeehan gained his 11th victory in 14 decisions, yielding both Cleveland runs while scattering 10 hits over the first 7 1/3 innings. Tim Lincecum then came on and pitched out his sixth save.

In National League action, the St. Louis Cardinals pounded the Montreal Expos 7-4 as Darrell Porter drove in the runs with a double and his fourth career grand slam homer.

Joaquin Andujar tossed an eight-hitter to beat Montreal for the ninth straight time.

At a glance

American League			
Boston	6	Detroit	1
Baltimore	6	Cleveland	2
National League			
St. Louis	7	Montreal	4
Philadelphia	3	New York	2
Houston	9	San Diego	0
Los Angeles	2	Atlanta	0
Cincinnati	1	San Francisco	0

Pittsburgh at Chicago postponed, rain.

Rice's run-scoring double in the fourth off Detroit starter Milt Wilcox, 10-8, his two-out homer in the eighth came from Aurelio Lopez, who had walked batters before facing Rice. The Tigers led in the sixth on Ron Jackson's bloop single through the middle by John Montross and a sacrifice fly by Brooks. The only other American League game.

## Holmes to defend own against money in March

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Sept. 18 (R) — Holmes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion, will defend his title against No. 1 contender Gerry Spivey here next March, promoters said today.

Promoters Don King and Sam Glass stated that the boxers, both undefeated as professionals, would earn about \$10 million. They forecast that the fight would be the biggest moneymaker in boxing history since last night's multimillion-dollar fight between welterweights Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns.

A specific date has been set for the fight. Leonard and Cooney had previously agreed to sometime in 1982, although the WBC champion originally had insisted that the fight be held late this year. Holmes has won 12 of his 13 fights and Cooney is undefeated in 12 contests. Holmes is scheduled to defend his title against unbeaten Renaldo Snipes in November. Mike Jones, one of Leonard's co-managers, said negotiations under way to arrange a fight for his man this year.

In the meantime, Leonard said he had temporarily abandoned plans to go after Marvin Hagler's middleweight title and would probably meet WBA junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor in his next fight.

Leonard has been shooting off his mouth and he's going to get his opportunity. All he has to do is call me," said Leonard, 12 hours after he stopped Hearns.

Leonard's trainer and financial adviser, who negotiates the champion's fights, also indicated that the undefeated Leonard would be the next opponent. Leonard is going to issue a challenge to Pryor, Leonard said. That seemed to leave Hearns in the cold, at least temporarily, as far as a title is concerned. But both Leonard and Hearns said that a second contest remained a possibility.

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## Alan Jones to call it a day

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AFP) — World Formula One motor racing champion Alan Jones of Australia will retire after the Las Vegas Grand Prix in October — the last round in this year's World Championships.

"My decision has been made for several reasons," he said in a prepared statement to the press. "As everyone knows I am not happy with the current Formula One regulations. I also want to spend more time with my family in Australia."

The 34-year-old Jones will very likely be returning to Victoria without his world crown. Teammate Carlos Reutemann of Argentina, Nelson Piquet of Brazil and Frenchman Alain Prost all appear better placed to take the title in the last Grand Prix at Montreal and Las Vegas.

However, he appeared undaunted by the prospect. "I have had a good run and enjoyed myself," he said. Jones came to Britain in 1970 and set into Formula One racing in 1975. He won his first Grand Prix in 1977, driving a Shadow to victory in Zeltweg, Austria.

After winning the opening race of the 1981 season, at Long Beach, California, finishing second behind Reutemann in Rio de Janeiro and fourth in Buenos Aires, Jones went through a frustratingly unsuccessful period.



Alan Jones

However, he has recovered with fourth, third and second place finishes in the last three Grand Prix, although he has little real chance of overtaking the championship leaders.

He has become unhappy with the squabbles caused by the new technical rules which almost caused a split in the Formula One world this year, and his number one position in the Saudi-Williams team has been undermined by Reutemann, who leads the World Championship standings.

## Borg seeks exemption from rules

TOURNAI, France, Sept. 18 (AFP) — Bjorn Borg, who lost his world No. 1 spot to arch-rival John McEnroe in the final of the U.S. Open last week, has asked the International Tennis Federation (ITF) to exempt him from the strict tournament rules for next year's Grand Prix. ITF president Philippe Chartier revealed here Thursday.

The new ITF rules stipulate that in order to take part in the prestigious French, Wimbledon and U.S. Opens, a player must take part in at least ten Grand Prix tournaments during the year. Borg has said this is too much and has asked for his minimum to be lowered.

Meanwhile, John McEnroe, Peter Fleming, Roscoe Tanner and Eliot Teltscher have been named to the U.S. Davis Cup tennis for its next 2-5 semifinal best-of-five matches against Australia at Portland, Oregon.

The team was selected Thursday.

Jimmy Connors, ranked No. 4 in the world, is bypassing the event, apparently because of a previous commitment.

Connors helped the U.S. score a quarterfinal victory over Czechoslovakia.

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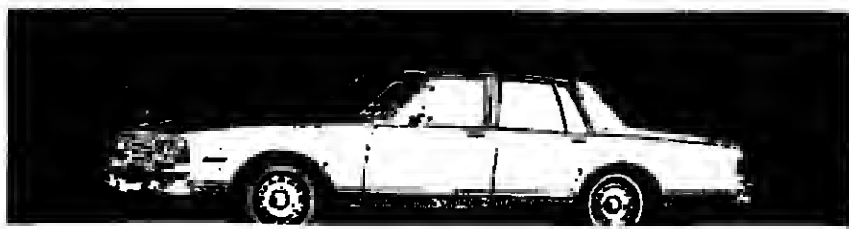
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## Action against Solidarity called Soviets talk tough with Poles

WARSAW, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union called on Poland's Communist leaders to take "determined and radical" action immediately against the Solidarity labor federation, and the Polish government responded with a warning to the labor union that it was jeopardizing Poland's independence.

The Soviet Communist Party and government, in a statement made public by the official Polish news agency PAP, accused the independent labor union of a campaign of anti-Sovietism aimed at liquidating communism in Poland and taking it out of the Soviet bloc.

"We expect the (Polish Communist) leaders hit and the Polish government to immediately take determined and radical steps to cut short the malicious anti-Soviet propaganda and actions hostile toward the Soviet Union," said the statement, which PAP said Soviet Ambassador Boris Arisov delivered to Polish Communist Party chief Stanislaw Kania and Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski.

It was the toughest warning from Moscow since the Soviets in June criticized Kania and Jaruzelski for not putting a stop to "anti-

Socialist and counterrevolutionary" activity. The Soviet warning and the Polish government's criticism of Solidarity were given prominent space in all Polish dailies Friday, including the Communist Party organ *Trybuna Ludu* and Warsaw's leading Morning daily *Zycie Warszawy*.

The state-run radio also reported the Soviet warning. It was a departure from its

previous practice of waiting to broadcast similar information until after it already was widely known through other means.

PAP did not say when the Soviet statement was delivered. But Jaruzelski called an emergency cabinet meeting Thursday and afterward issued the government's warning to Solidarity.

The union had issued Thursday a defiant statement rejecting a warning the day before from the Polish Communist Party Politburo. Solidarity said it would not be stopped from its campaign for economic reforms to save Poland from "progressive economic ruin."

The Soviet statement said Solidarity's first national congress, which last week called for free parliamentary elections, worker participation in the management of state-owned industries and businesses and free labor movements in other Communist countries, "became in effect a permanent tribunal from which slanders and insults sounded" against the Soviet Union.

The Soviets called the federation's support of independent labor movements elsewhere in the Soviet bloc a "revolting provocation." The statement said the Polish leaders had been told repeatedly during the past six months to crackdown, but the Soviets did not know of a single case in which the initiators of the anti-Soviet provocations would meet with a harsh reaction on the part of the authorities and would be punished.

The Soviets said the "scale, intensity and degree of hostility" of the attacks on the Soviet Union had taken on the character of "anti-Soviet hysteria enkindled in some of the Communist states."

The central committee and the Soviet government feel that further leniency shown to any manifestation of anti-Sovietism does immense harm to Polish-Soviet relations and is in direct contradiction to Poland's allied obligations and the vital interests of the Soviet Union," the statement said.

It accused the year-old labor federation of "unbridled political ambitions" and said the goal of its leaders was a "takeover of power." The statement said Solidarity's campaign for its reform programs was clogging the government's efforts to save the devastated Polish economy. It called on the 9.5 million rank-and-file members of Solidarity to change their leaders.

Meanwhile, Hungary Friday launched a press campaign drawing implicit parallels between its 1956 anti-Communist uprising and Poland's political crisis. The Communist Party newspaper *Nepszabadsag* devoted a full page to an account of how political errors, food shortages and falling living standards led to the bloody revolt 25 years ago.

Unlike a sharp attack in Friday's Bulgarian press, which called for an offensive against what was described as counterrevolution in Poland, *Nepszabadsag* did not mention the latest challenge to Communist power in the Soviet bloc.

## Crime rises

WARSAW, Sept. 18 (AP) — The incidence of crime in Poland is on the increase with offenses in the first eight months of the year up 26 percent over last year's figures, a report prepared by the Police Supervisory and Analysis Bureau and quoted by the Polish news agency PAP Thursday said. The steepest rise in the crime graph was in July, an increase of 45 percent over the same month last year. Crimes against property led to 3,621 investigations between January and August, the report noted.

## Arrives for U.N. session Gromyko-Haig talks set

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko arrived in New York Thursday and said he is prepared "for a dialogue and cooperation with all responsible political and social forces" at the United Nations General Assembly.

Gromyko, who is scheduled to address the 155-nation assembly Tuesday, will also hold his first talks with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. The Haig-Gromyko talks Wednesday will be the first known high-level meeting between the Reagan administration and the Kremlin.

In a statement issued after he arrived at Kennedy Airport, Gromyko said, "during our stay in the United States, we expect to have meetings and talks with foreign ministers of many states who have come to attend the General Assembly session, including U.S. Secretary of State Haig."

Gromyko declared that increased efforts to preserve peace should be the primary concern of all states "and the duty of every statesman."

"It is our firm conviction," he said, "that, given this condition, it is possible, despite the complicated international situation, to overcome the present tensions and to safeguard peace."

He said the Soviet Union was "tirelessly working" to put into effect peace initiatives advanced at its 20th Communist Party con-

gress last February for nuclear and conventional arms reduction, conflict settlement and peaceful cooperation among all nations.

"We are prepared for a dialogue and cooperation with all responsible political and social forces," he said. "This is the course which we will vigorously promote at this General Assembly session."

## Crippled winner to donate \$2.2m

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (AFP) — Johan Johansson, a 58-year-old crippled New York widower who won \$2.2 million in the New York lottery last week, has decided to give his winnings to charity.

"Money, really, when you down to it, what is it," said Johansson Thursday when claiming his prize after a six-day delay to think things over. "You cannot buy your health."

A former sailor injured in a collision at sea, Johansson has been living in the same apartment for the past 28 years. "I don't see why I got to leave," he said. His only relatives are in Sweden, but he does not want to go for a visit. "For 35 years I have done all the traveling I want."

Johansson expressed regret that the bounty had come so late, since some years back he could have used it to help his wife before she died of diabetes.

## French doctor safe

GENEVA, Sept. 18 (AFP) — French doctor, Pierre Bastien, who deliberately ate 70 grams (two ounces) of poisonous toadstools, considers himself out of danger. Normally phalloide (the mushroom), is enough to kill, but Dr. Bastien, a general practitioner, claimed to have discovered an antidote, and came here to give a demonstration.

He said Friday his treatment was a complete success, even though he lost five kilograms in weight in three days. He said he was more ill than he expected because he ate the toadstools on an empty stomach.

## Man hurls egg at Irish MP, fights another

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — A man threw an egg at Irish nationalist member of parliament Owen Carron and scuffled with one of Carron's colleagues as he went to deliver a petition on behalf of the Irish hunger strikers to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher here Friday, police said.

A Scotland Yard press officer, who declined to be named, said the egg did not strike the legislator. However, the British domestic news agency Press Association said an egg hit Michael McCloskey, brother of Irish hunger striker Liam McCloskey, on his 47th day without food in the Maze Prison.

The press officer said the incident happened as Carron was about to walk down Downing Street to the premier's official residence, to deliver the petition. The spokesman said a crowd of onlookers began shouting abuse at Carron, and Stephen Doherty — who said he was 23, unemployed and lived in west London — began scuffling with Carron's associate.

Doherty was arrested, charged with threatening behavior and released on bail to appear at London's Bow Street magistrates' court Saturday, the spokesman said.

Carron, standing as a "proxy political prisoner" on behalf of the 420 Irish Republican Army and other nationalist guerrillas at the Maze Prison outside Belfast, was elected to the British Parliamentary seat for Fermanagh and South Tyrone in Northern Ireland Aug. 20.

Michael McCloskey said Thursday that

another Republican prisoner at the Maze Prison will begin a hunger strike Monday. The announcement came as James Prior, the new Northern Ireland secretary, made the first visit to the prison in a decade by any government member concerned with Northern Ireland.

Ninety relatives of the hunger strikers converged on London Thursday with Republican member of parliament Owen Carron to drum up support for "the men of Long Kesh." McCloskey announced that another prisoner would join the strike Monday so that eight prisoners would always be participating.

The newly named Northern Ireland secretary, who was previously secretary of state for employment, spent three hours Thursday at

the prison. Prior said he talked with several Irish Republican detainees and saw the seven men who are now on a hunger strike but did not talk to them.

The hunger strike is "not only a national problem of great importance, it is also an international problem of great importance," he said, "I am going to throw all my weight, all my life into trying to get the thing right."

But Carron did not think the new secretary would be able to do very much. "He was part of a cabinet which allowed ten hunger strikers to die."

The Northern Irish MP said the hunger strikers were determined to continue until all their demands are met.

## Liberals condemn Denis Thatcher

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AFP) — The annual congress of Britain's Liberal Party, meeting at the Welsh town of Llandudno, Friday approved an urgent motion condemning an attempt by Denis Thatcher, the husband of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, to expedite a proposed building project.

Tony Lambert, an executive committee member of the Welsh Liberals, told the congress that "Mr. Thatcher's action was at best

unwise, and at worst the use of his position for the possible advance of his own private interests. We must seek the prime minister's assurance that she did not know or approve of the letter."

In the letter, on stationery from 10 Downing Street (the prime minister's residence), Thatcher asked the secretary of state for Wales to intervene after a development firm was denied permission to build 63 houses and a hotel at Snowdonia.

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U.S. was trying to develop the shaky ceasefire into a broader peace settlement.

Prince Saud stated Friday "peace in the Middle East can only be achieved through the full and equal participation of the PLO in all the discussions aiming at the solution of the Middle East and the Palestine problems."

"United States recognition of this fact is absolutely essential, and we hope the U.S. government will realize this and begin establishing contacts with the PLO leadership."

Saudi Arabia launched its peace initiative last month when Crown Prince Fahd called on the U.S. to recognize the PLO. He also listed eight principles for a Middle East settlement, including the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and the right of all countries in the region to live in peace.

Saudi Arabia is looking to the United Nations and the next Arab summit, probably in Morocco next November, for support for its initiative.

Prince Saud said his country wanted Prince Fahd's eight principles to be the "basis and framework of a single resolution to be adopted and implemented by the United Nations and especially the permanent members of the Security Council."

Diana attended any Balmoral shoot. She is "bored and tired" of long, formal dinner parties with 50 or more guests and finds it difficult to treat servants as servants, the daily said.

The princess, formerly Lady Diana Spencer, married the heir to the throne amid great ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral July 29.



FORD MUSEUM CEREMONY: U.S. President Ronald Reagan shares a joke with former President Gerald Ford (right) at a ceremony in honor of Ford at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Thursday. Standing behind are (from left) Vice President George Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

## Ford museum dedicated Reagan meets Trudeau

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, Sept. 1 (AP) — U.S. President Reagan has arrived here to participate in a ceremony in honor of former President Gerald Ford and to meet with the leaders of Canada and Mexico.

Reagan arrived in Grand Rapids in the early afternoon Thursday and was greeted by Ford. The two men emerged from the aircraft side by side. As Reagan turned toward Ford, he began to stumble at the doorway but caught his balance before falling.

Reagan met separately with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo to discuss a variety of issues which have come to trouble the friendship of the North American neighbors.

From Reagan's point of view, they include Canada's new energy policy, aimed at giving her own companies greater control over her oil and gas resources, and Mexico's support for leftists in El Salvador. After meeting with Trudeau but before sitting down with Lopez Portillo, Reagan said the conferences were going "just fine."

"We haven't changed the course of the world," Reagan said. "But we've had a good time." The three leaders, along with former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Japanese Foreign Minister

Sanao Sunoda, attended the dedication of the Ford Presidential Museum Friday.

Canadian officials said Reagan told Trudeau that Trudeau's energy policy was a serious matter, but said he would try to stem any attempt by the U.S. Congress to retaliate. Trudeau, in reply, said he had won reelection on the basis of his program and said no other policy has such wide Canadian support.

The Canadian energy policy, intended to increase Canadian ownership of the domestic natural gas and oil industry from 30 percent now to 50 percent by 1990, was announced by Trudeau last Oct. 28.

Trudeau sought to accomplish the increased control through exploration and tax incentives aimed specifically at Canadian-dominated oil and natural gas companies. In the United States, complaints have been raised that this policy discriminates against U.S. interests and violates international trade agreements.

In his separate meeting with Lopez Portillo, Reagan heard a first-hand account of a joint Mexican-French initiative that recognizes the rebels in El Salvador as a legitimate political force.

A senior U.S. official, who declined to be identified, said Reagan's exchange with Lopez Portillo clarified the situation and narrowed the differences.

## West sets '83 target for freedom of Namibia

WINDHOK, Southwest Africa, Sept. 18 (AP) — Five Western nations have set the target date for independence of Southwest Africa, or Namibia, at Jan. 1, 1983, with provisional agreement from six black states, the South African Press Association (SAPA) reported Friday.

The news agency, quoting the Windhoek *Allgemeine Zeitung* newspaper, said foreign ministers of the United States, Canada, Britain, West Germany and France would begin final talks next week in New York on implementation of the pre-independence process.

The German-language newspaper, which SAPA said has access to government sources in Bonn, said Angola, Mozambique, Botswana, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe had signaled provisional agreement to the Western plan.

The six "front-line" states support the Southwest Africa Peoples Organization (SWAPO) in its 15-year bush war against South African troops to gain control of the territory.

Officials of the South African Department of Foreign Affairs could not be reached for comment, but Western diplomatic sources called the new target date "premature" in view of testimony Thursday by the U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, Chester Crocker, before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. Crocker said he was "guardedly optimistic" about finding a solution next year.

South Africa has administered Namibia, a former German colony, since 1920 under an old League of Nations mandate abrogated in 1966 by the United Nations. Negotiations for U.N.-supervised elections that would lead to an independent Namibia have made little progress over the last three years.

The *Zeitung* said that among the key points in the revised Western plan was that South Africa and SWAPO would agree on a binding constitutional framework that would safeguard individual rights. The rights would be entrenched in a constitution that could not be amended by an independent parliament without a two-thirds majority, the newspaper said.

The *Zeitung* reported that during the transitional period of independence, neighboring Angola would have to guarantee that Cuban troops based in that country would not cross south of a "red line" or undertake any military activities.

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